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PREFACE

This standard was prepared by the Association's Committee on Commercial Documents initially as a revision of Section 7 of AS P7—1971; however, as the remaining provisions of AS P7—1971 relative to the cheques, bank forms and related documents are contained in the Australian Banks' Automation Committee Publication No 11R1 (available free of charge from any trading bank), with the publication of this standard, AS P7—1971 is withdrawn.

The standard contains the basic technical details of the requirements of Australian banks in connection with the quality of the paper intended for use as cheques, bank forms and related documents which are to be processed through the magnetic ink character recognition system (MICR). This system consists of special characters printed in magnetic inks on cheques, etc for processing on high-speed electronic equipment now in use by the Australian banks, governments and other organizations. Reference should also be made to ABAC Publication No 3R1 which covers a common machine language for electronic data processing in Australian banks, and to Section 1 of International Standard ISO 1004, Information Processing—Magnetic Ink Character Recognition—Print Specifications of Font E 13B.

In the determination of properties of the paper in relation to the requirements of this standard, reference will be necessary to test methods endorsed under the general designation AS 1301 and issued by the Technical Association of the Australian and New Zealand Pulp and Paper Industry (Appita), to methods issued by the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry of the USA (TAPPI), and to BS 2925, Methods for Determining the Air Permeability and Air Resistance of Paper.

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