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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee MS-057, Mailboxes, to supersede AS/NZS 4253:1994, *Mailboxes*.

The objective of this Standard is to provide the manufacturers of mailboxes, regulatory bodies and consumers with the minimum performance requirements to address the needs of mail delivery, manufacturing and installation requirements for both commercial and residential postal applications. This revision contains provisions designed to improve mailbox locking and positioning.

The terms “normative” and “informative” are used in Standards to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A “normative” appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an “informative” appendix is only for information and guidance.

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1 Scope

This Standard specifies requirements for the design, construction and performance of mailboxes in both commercial and residential applications.

NOTE 1 Information on the positioning and numbering of mailboxes is provided in [Appendix A](#).

NOTE 2 Means of demonstrating conformance to this Standard are provided in [Appendix B](#).

2 Application

This Standard is intended for use by regulatory authorities and all persons concerned with the manufacture, installation, and general requirements of mailboxes.

NOTE The size and requirements of mailboxes were derived from the size of the C4 envelope as determined by ISO. This Standard takes into account the changing trends, volumes and types of Australian postal articles for delivery and provides useful information for manufacturers, regulatory bodies and consumers on aspects of the design, construction and installation of mailboxes.

3 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

NOTE Documents for informative purposes are listed in the Bibliography.

4 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

4.1

mail

postal articles of any type lodged for transmission and delivery by postal authorities worldwide

4.2

may

indicates the existence of an option

4.3

shall

indicates that a statement is mandatory

4.4

should

indicates a recommendation

4.5

weatherflap

internally mounted movable feature in the aperture face of the mailbox to help exclude weather penetration and provide security

4.6

weatherhood

aperture face of the mailbox to help exclude weather penetration and provide security. The design feature may be either internal or external