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1 Scope

GB 16959-1997 is the Chinese national standard on information technology--tibetan coded character sets for information interchange--basic set, in the field of information technology. It carries no /T suffix, which in the Chinese system means compliance is mandatory: a product or a practice within its scope has to meet it to be lawfully made, sold or carried out in China. It was issued on 2 September 1997 by the State Bureau of Technical Supervision, and has been in force since 1 January 1998. Classification: ICS 35.040, CCS L71. This page is published from the official record of the standard held by the Chinese standards administration: the identification, the dates, the classification and the issuing body are taken from there. The clause text, the tables and the numeric limits are in the document itself, which is delivered complete in English translation.

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Its Chinese Standard Classification code is CCS L71. CCS is the domestic scheme, a letter for the sector and two digits for the subject within it, and it is the code by which the standard is filed and searched in China.

The GB prefix without a suffix marks a mandatory national standard: compliance is required by law for the products or activities within its scope, and a product that does not meet it may not lawfully be placed on the Chinese market.

How a Chinese national standard is set out

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