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Foreword

This document complies with the provisions of GB/T 1.1-2020 "Standardization Work Guidelines Part

1.Structure and Drafting Rules of Standardization Documents". Drafting. This document replaces GB/T 33726-2017 "General Chinese Names of Musical Instruments". Compared with GB/T 33726-2017, the main differences are structural adjustments and... Aside from editorial changes, the main technical changes are as follows:

a) A chapter on "Classification" has been added, and the "General Rules" section has been removed (see Chapter 4,

4.1 of the.2017 edition);

b) Change the Chinese and English names of the musical instrument "guqin" to "qin" (see Table 1,.2017 edition);

c) The Chinese and English names of the musical instruments "tianqin" and "yuehu" have been added (see Table 1);

d) Change the English name of the instrument "tubularbels" to "chimes" (see Table 2,.2017 edition);

e) Change the Chinese and English names of the musical instruments "marimba, xylophone" to "xylophone (marimba)". (marimba) (see Table 2,.2017 edition);

f) Added the following instruments to the repertoire. "jaw harp", "steeltonguedrum", "handpan", and "diaocha". English names (see Table 2);

- g) Change the English name of the instrument "drumset" to "jazzdrum" (see Table 3,.2017 edition);
- h) The Chinese and English names of the instruments "djembe" and "tenordrum" have been added (see Table 3);
- i) Change the Chinese name of the instrument "bass saxophone" to "bass saxophone". Change to "supreme bass saxophone" and "bass bass" to "double bass oboe" (see Table 4,.2017 edition).
- j) Change the English names of the French horn and saxophone from "Frenchhorn" to "horn" and "sax" to be more... Change to "saxophone" (see Table 4,.2017 edition);
- k) Added the middle registers of the following instruments. baritonehorn, flugelhorn, guanzi, and kazoo. English names (see Table 4);

1 Scope

GB/T 33726-2025 is the Chinese national standard covering the standard Chinese names of musical instruments - the families and the individual instruments, Chinese and Western, so that a catalogue, a customs declaration and a conservatory syllabus use the same word for the same thing. It replaces GB/T 33726-2017. It was issued on 31 December 2025 and has been in force since 1 July 2026, replacing GB/T 33726-2017. The document is under the responsibility of the China National Light Industry Council. This page is published from the official record of the 2025 edition; the clause text of a standard this recent is not yet in circulation, and the figures, limits and tables it contains are those of the document itself, delivered in full with the English translation.

This document specifies the common Chinese names for commonly used musical instruments both domestically and internationally. This document applies to the management, research, teaching, production, trade, use, and advertising of musical instruments in China.

2 Normative references

The contents of the following documents, through normative references within the text, constitute essential provisions of this document. Dated citations are not included. For references to documents, only the version corresponding to that date applies to this document; for undated references, the latest version (including all amendments) applies. This document.

GB/T 23173-2008 Classification of Musical Instruments

3 Terms and Definitions

The terms and definitions defined in GB/T 23173-2008 apply to this document.

4. Classification The following is a list of the common Chinese names of various musical instruments, and the classification standard is in accordance with GB/T 23173-2008.

5 Names of commonly used musical instruments

5.1 Stringed Instruments The names of commonly used stringed instruments are shown in Table 1. Table

1. Names of Commonly Used Stringed Instruments Major Categories and Their Chinese and English Names Stringed instruments plucked stringed instruments Babu octagonal bajiaoqin Balalaika Banjo harpsichord taishokoto Daiding Dombra Dong ethnic group pipa (dongzupipa)