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#### FOREWORD

This Ceylon Standard was prepared under the authority of the Metric Divisional Committee of the Bureau of Ceylon Standards and was approved by the Council of the Bureau on 6th June 1971.

This Ceylon Standard for writing of calendar dates in all-numeric form is an adoption of an ISO recommendation which has been prepared to obviate the confusion arising from misinterpretation of the significance of the numerals in a date written with numerals only. It is considered that similar confusion does not arise when the month is spelled out either in full or in abbreviated form.

The occasions on which an all-numeric date might be used have been examined and the advantages for these occasions of the descending order year-month-day have been found to outweigh those for the ascending order day-month-year established in many parts of the world.

The advantages of this descending order include the following in particular :—

- the ease with which the whole date may be treated as a single numeral for the purpose of filing and classification (e.g. for insurance or social security system) ;
- arithmetic calculation, particularly in some computer uses ;
- the possibility of continuing the order by adding digits for hour-minute-second.

#### 1. SCOPE

This Ceylon Standard specifies the writing of dates of the Gregorian Calendar in all-numeric form, signified by the elements year, month, and the day.