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## **Foreword**

This Japanese Industrial Standard has been revised by the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry through deliberations at the Japanese Industrial Standards Committee as the result of proposal for revision of Japanese Industrial Standard submitted by Japan Packaging Institute (JPI)/Japanese Standards Association (JSA) with the draft being attached, based on the provision of Article 12 Clause 1 of the Industrial Standardization Law applicable to the case of revision by the provision of Article 14.

Consequently **JIS Z 0150:2001** is replaced with this Standard.

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# Packaging—Distribution packaging— Graphical symbols for handling and storage of packages

## Introduction

This Japanese Industrial Standard has been prepared based on **ISO 780:2015**, Edition 5. Some of the technical contents in the said International Standard, however, have been modified to reflect the situations and demands of package handling and storage that are specific to Japan.

The vertical lines on both sides and dotted underlines indicate changes from the corresponding International Standard. A list of modifications with the explanations is given in Annex JA.

Packages are often marked with handling instructions in the language of the country of origin. While this may safeguard the consignment in the areas using the same language, it is of little value for goods consigned to, or through, countries using different languages, and of no value at all if people handling the packages are illiterate.

Graphical symbols offer the best possibility of conveying the consignor's intention and their adoption will, therefore, undoubtedly reduce loss and damage through incorrect handling. Moreover, graphical symbols help ensure safety of workers, who cannot grasp such important information as structure, gravity centre, property, and strength of a package while handling distribution packages.

The graphical symbols specified are in accordance with the rules of **ISO/TC145/SC3**, Graphical symbols for use on equipment.

The use of graphical symbols does not provide any guarantee of satisfactory handling; safely and properly protective packaging is therefore of primary importance.

Distribution packages could deteriorate as time passes; they may even fail under normal handling before they reach the final destination. In such a case, it has to be decided whether to stop shipping and storing them or to continue to use them by putting proper graphical symbols on them. In any case, handwritten symbols are partially accepted in this Standard so that the proper symbols can be added to do the needful on the spot.

## 1 Scope

This Standard specifies a set of graphical symbols conventionally used for marking of distribution packages in their physical distribution chain to convey handling instructions. The graphical symbols should be used only when necessary.

This Standard is applicable to packages containing any kind of goods, but does not include instructions specific to handling of dangerous goods.

**NOTE** The International Standard corresponding to this Standard and the symbol of degree of correspondence are as follows.

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