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New numbering system for ICUMSA® Methods

The Executive Director would like to draw your attention to the press release below.



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In order to reduce difficulties with ICUMSA® Method numbering system, a modified system is introduced with the publication of the ICUMSA® Methods Book 2019:

Secondary ICUMSA® General Subject Numbers will be printed in a reduced font size in order to reduce their prominence.

For example, GS1 / 3 / 4 / 7 / 8 - 13 (2004) /will be published/printed as follows;

GS1 / 3 / 4 / 7 / 8 - 13 (2004)

In future, ICUMSA® Methods should be cited in statutes, specifications, contracts etc. as:

GS1 - 13 (2004)

This citation method number is referred to as the Shortened Method Number. Any future change to the applicability or scope of a method, will not affect the Shortened Method Number for citation purposes.

Further examples

Old Number	New Number in Methods Book 2019	Shortened Method Number
Method GS1/2/3/9-1 (2011)	Method GS1/2/3/9-1 (2011)	Method GS1-1(2011)
Method GS1/2/3/4/7/8/9-23 (2009)	Method GS1/2/3/4/7/8/9-23 (2009)	Method GS1-23(2009)

With the publication of the 2025 Methods Book in 2025, the Secondary General Subject Numbers will be removed from the ICUMSA® Methods Book. ICUMSA® Methods will be numbered using only the Shortened Method Number.

The advantage of this modification is that method numbers will no longer need to be modified. The year of publication will of course be amended and users of ICUMSA® methods are reminded that this component of a method number is important. Only the most recent versions of ICUMSA® methods are valid.

Further information is available on the ICUMSA® website www.icumsa.org

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