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MILITARY STANDARD  
WEAPON CALIBER AND AMMUNITION, METRIC SYSTEM  
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1. SCOPE. This standard establishes the Metric System for the identification of weapon calibers and ammunition. This standard is applicable to weapons and ammunition to be type classified standard.

2. REQUIREMENTS. Millimeters shall be used to identify the caliber of weapons and ammunition.

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