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Replace subclause 0.3.2 with the following text:

#### 0.3.2 Remark on units for quantities of dimension one

The coherent unit for any quantity of dimension one is the number one, symbol 1. When the value of such a quantity is expressed, the unit symbol 1 is generally not written out explicitly.

#### EXAMPLE

Refractive index  $n = 1,53 \times 1 = 1,53$

Prefixes shall not be used to form multiples or submultiples of this unit. Instead of prefixes, powers of 10 may be used.

#### EXAMPLE

Reynolds number  $Re = 1,32 \times 10^3$

Considering that plane angle is generally expressed as the ratio of two lengths and solid angle as the ratio of two areas, in 1995 the CGPM has specified that, in the International System of Units, the radian, rad, and the steradian, sr, are “dimensionless” derived units. This implies that the quantities plane angle and solid angle are considered as derived quantities of dimension one. The units radian and steradian may be omitted, or they may be used in expressions for derived units to facilitate distinction between quantities of different nature but having the same dimension.