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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee SF-049, Firefighters Personal Protective Equipment to supersede AS 4967(Int)—2002. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (August 2007). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.

Changes to this edition include:

- (a) Replacement of references to EN 366 with ISO 6942.
- (b) Replacement of references to EN 367 with ISO 9151.
- (c) Update of requirements for penetration by liquids, including addition of o-xylene and replacement of the test method of EN 368 with that of AS/NZS ISO 6530.

This Standard is based on ISO 11613, Protective clothing for firefighters—Laboratory test methods and performance requirements, but has been extensively re-written to suit Australian conditions.

The Committee is committed to the development of a standard with a single level of protection that ensures a minimum safety level. It is envisaged that this would be achieved at the next revision and will form the basis of Australia's response to ISO DIS 11613.

In the longer term, the Committee is committed to developing a single standard for all items of personal protective equipment used for structural firefighting.

AS/NZS 4360, *Risk management* should be referred to when references to risk assessments are made.

The term 'normative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the Appendix to which it applies. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of this Standard.

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