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PREFACE

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The types of garments to which this Standard applies are listed in Clause 0.2.

In addition to the requirements of this Standard, designers must refer to national consumer regulations in Australia and New Zealand when it is intended to sell children's nightwear garments in these countries.

The four categories for garments are as follows:

Category 1—garments made from fabrics with low flame propagation properties.

Category 2—garments which, because of their design, are less likely to catch alight and if they do, the spread of flames is reduced because of the design features.

Category 3—all-in-one style garments made predominantly from knitted fabrics, in Sizes 00 to 2.

Category 4—garments which are assigned a high flammability rating. These garments are required to meet criteria on mass and content of cellulosic, acetate and acrylic fibres because of their higher flammability characteristics.

Garments which do not meet the requirements of any of these categories are considered to have a very high flammability rating, and therefore do not comply with this Standard.

Some daywear garments have been included in the Standard because of the difficulty of distinguishing between daywear and nightwear for these items. For example, Category 3 has been created to provide for some infants all-in-one style garments.

Many flame burns suffered by children involve flammable liquids. Garments complying with the requirements of this Standard will give little or no protection against burns where flammable liquids are involved.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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