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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CS/4, Care Labelling of Textiles to assist in the selection of appropriate care instructions from those listed in AS/NZS 1957, *Textiles—Care labelling*, for articles which may be washed, drycleaned or otherwise refurbished. Where adequate or appropriate instructions for a particular article are not included in AS/NZS 1957, it allows other short phrases to be used, provided that such phrases adequately describe the required care procedure.

Changes to this edition of the Standard include—

- (a) more detail on the five basic care treatments, and depending on the product end use which treatments should be included;
- (b) more information on the selection of leather and upholstery care instructions; and
- (c) changes to requirements in Tables 2 to 8 based on recent technology and experience as well as heightened consumer expectations.

Current textile legislation should be referred to in addition to this Standard in order to ensure correct labelling of textile articles. Legislation may list items excluded from care labelling requirements, but does not prevent care labelling.

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