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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CS-060, Lifejackets and Personal Safety Equipment for Small Craft, to supersede AS 4758.1:2015, *Personal flotation devices, Part 1: General requirements.*

AS 4758.1:2015 will also remain current for 12 months after the date of publication of this document and after this time it will be superseded by AS 4758.1:2022. Regulatory authorities that reference this document in regulation may apply these requirements at a different time. Users of this document should consult with these authorities to confirm their requirements.

The objective of this document is to specify requirements for lifejackets [also known as "personal flotation devices" (PFDs)] suitable for use by persons engaged in activities in or near water in a range of prevailing conditions, whether in relation to their work or their leisure. This document is intended for manufacturers, regulatory authorities and wearers.

The major changes in this edition are as follows:

(a) Marking requirements.

(b) Annual self checks and three yearly approved service.

(c) In-water testing with standardized clothing.

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