
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Nightwear (Safety) Regulations 1985

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these Regulations—

“adults' nightwear” means any nightwear which is not children's nightwear;

“baby's garment” means any garment which has a chest measurement not exceeding 53 centimetres and which would normally be worn only by a child under the age of 3 months;

“BS 5651” means the British Standard Specification for cleansing and wetting procedures for use in the assessment of the effect of cleansing and wetting on the flammability of textile fabrics and fabric assemblies BS 5651:1978 published by the British Standards Institution on 29th December 1978(1);

“BS 5722” means the British Standard Specification for flammability performance of fabrics and fabric assemblies used in sleepwear and dressing gowns BS 5722:1984 published by the British Standards Institution and which came into effect on 31st August 1984(2);

“chest measurement” means twice the measurement of the garment across the chest when the garment is laid out as flat as possible without distorting its natural two-dimensional shape;

“children's nightwear” means any nightwear—

- (a) which is designed for wear by and would normally be worn by a person under the age of 13 years; and
- (b) which, in the case of any item of nightwear mentioned in Schedule 1, has no measurement in excess of the relevant measurement set out in that Schedule;

“fabric assembly” means a series of fabrics (including threads and trimmings) combined at the garment manufacturing stage;

“flammability performance requirements” means the flammability performance requirements specified in clauses 3.1.1 and 3.2.1 of BS 5722;

“length” in relation to any nightwear means the full length of the garment, when measured at the back;

“nightwear” means nightdresses, pyjamas, dressing gowns, bath robes and other garments of a like nature and use and includes babies' garments.

(2) References in these Regulations to Schedules are references to Schedules to these Regulations.

(3) For the purposes of these Regulations references in BS 5722 to “BS 5438” shall be construed as references to the British Standard Methods of test for flammability of vertically oriented textile fabrics and fabric assemblies subjected to a small igniting flame BS 5438:1976 published by the British Standards Institution on 30th November 1976, as amended on 30th April 1981(3).

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