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Foreword

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EN 14682:2004 *Safety of Children's Clothing – Cords and drawstrings on Children's Clothing – Specification* was developed in response to European Commission Mandate M 309, and harmonized under the General Product Safety Directive in July 2007. However, noting industry comments on EN 14682:2004, a revision was commenced in 2005, published in 2007, and harmonized in March 2011.

An EU Commission report on the adoption of EN 14682 was commissioned in 2008. The report highlighted the need for additional guidance for industry and market surveillance authorities to explain the technical aspect of garment design and manufacture. Children's clothing, like adult clothing, is highly fashionable, resulting in changing garment styles. The aim of this Technical Report is to assist all stakeholders in this fast changing and inventive industry.

At the time of development, a revision of EN 14682:2007 is in progress, and once this is published this Technical Report may be withdrawn.

1 Scope

This Technical Report has been written to help all users of EN 14682:2007 with the understanding of garment styling and the harmonized standard.

The Technical Report is in 'Question and Answer' format. All the garments mentioned are examples of frequently asked questions raised by the clothing industry or market surveillance authorities. The responses have been reviewed and agreed upon by CEN/TC 248/WG 20.

2 Requests for further clarification

A request for further clarification via a guidance document may be submitted by a CEN member body through its national committee. The requests are channelled to WG 20 which deals with the request.

A request for help may lead to:

- a) a clarification of the standard;
- b) a no-action required; that is no clarification or amendment to the standard currently required
- c) a proposal for an amendment of the standard. (In the short-term pending publication of the revised EN 14682:2007, it may be necessary to provide additional information.)

3 Common questions and answers in relation to the clarification of EN 14682:2007

3.1 Questions concerning the scope

3.1.1 Why are hoods on garments not considered by this standard?

The mandate M 309 provided by the EU Commission for the development of EN 14682 was in relation to entrapment of children by cords and drawstrings on garments. A hood is neither a drawstring nor a cord. Hoods are therefore outside the scope of the standard.

Nevertheless, the working group actively requested the assistance of CEN/TC 248 members and authorities for information concerning entrapment of children caused by hoods attached to garments, with the intention of developing a standard if necessary. Over a 5-year period, no data was identified where the hood had resulted in the entrapment. There were accidents involving garments with hoods, however the hood had not been the cause of the entrapment. CEN/TC 248 concluded that there was no evidence to support the need for a safety standard dealing with hazards associated with entrapment of children by hoods on garments.

Action: No action required.

3.1.2 Why are disguise costumes listed in scope of EN 14682?

Disguise costumes, dressing up and carnival clothes worn by children for play should meet the Toys Safety Directive and the requirements described in EN 71, *Safety of Toys*. In addition, garments should meet the requirements of EN 14682 and EN 71. Garments worn for party wear are subject to the same safety requirements as normal clothing, because children are likely to be unsupervised.

Action: Annex C "Rationale" in revised EN 14682 to be improved.