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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CS/3, Safety Requirements for Children's Furniture to supersede AS 2195—1978, *Folding portable cots for use in domestic situations and day nurseries (safety requirements)*. It is one of a number of Standards being prepared to cover safety requirements in that area.

The Australian Standard was revised due to a number of unsafe incidents involving folding cots and the vastly changed nature of the product since the previous edition of the Standard. It is based largely on EN 716-1:1996 *Furniture—Children's cots and folding cots for domestic use—Part 1: Safety requirements* and EN 716-2:1996 *Furniture—Children's cots and folding cots for domestic use—Part 2: Test methods*, and prEN 716-3:1996 *Additional safety requirements and test methods for folding cots* with some contribution from BS 7423:1991, *Specification for safety requirements for children's travel cots of internal base length not less than 900 mm* (now superseded by the CEN Standards) and AS/NZS 2172:1995, *Cots for household use—Safety requirements*.

ISO 7175:1997 *Children's cots and folding cots for domestic use* does not contain requirements for folding timber cots or for safety related problems recently raised with folding cots such as the collapse of the top rail forming a 'V' shaped hazard. ISO 7175 also includes within its scope both folding and non-folding cots together in an unclear manner hence this Standard was not adopted.

This Standard is published with the objective of providing regulatory authorities with essential safety requirements and to provide manufacturers with functional, durability, stability and performance criteria to reduce the likelihood of death or injury to infants occupying folding cots.

This Standard is not intended to limit design, but dimensions are specified where the Committee considered that these relate to the child's safety.

The term 'normative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard.

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