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Child care articles – Bathing aids – Safety requirements and test methods

National foreword

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The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted to Technical Committee CW/1, Safety of child use and child care products.

BSI, as a member of CEN, is obliged to publish EN 17022:2018 as a British Standard. However, attention is drawn to the fact that during the development of this European Standard, the UK committee voted against its approval as a European Standard.

The UK committee voted negatively due to concerns that the standard does not adequately address what the committee considers to be its most significant hazard, which is that a bathing aid's suction cups have the potential to become detached from the bath tub. This could cause a child to fall into the bath water, increasing the risk of drowning.

It is also the UK committee's opinion that the standard does not take account of different types of materials – for example, individual bath tubs could have different surfaces within them (including non-slip surface irregularities), which may render them completely unsuitable for the use of bathing aids with suction cups. Furthermore, the UK committee believes that the standard does not take account of variations related to shapes of bath tubs, i.e. differences in curvature.

The UK committee is therefore concerned that bathing aids standardized to the requirements of BS EN 17022:2018 may convey a level of safety to consumers that does not exist in practice.

The UK committee recommends that users bear these issues in mind when applying this standard.

A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

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