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## Start of application

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## National foreword

This standard includes safety requirements within the meaning of the *Produktsicherheitsgesetz (ProdSG)* (German Product Safety Act).

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## Amendments

This standard differs from DIN EN 13138-1:2015-02 as follows:

- a) the standard has been harmonized with all three parts of EN 13138;
- b) the Introduction has been revised;
- c) references to EN 15649 have been deleted, and a reference to EN ISO 25649 has been included;
- d) terms and definitions have been revised by the addition of buoyancy being inflatable, inherent or a combination of both;
- e) the definition of turning-lifting-capacity and calibration have been added;
- f) Clause 5 “Safety Requirements concerning design and material” has been revised by changing the term “backpack” to “back float”, by improving the definition of valve design, by changing the title to “Innocuousness”, and by including a new definition to replace lost text relating to water absorption by foams;

- g) Clause 6 “Test methods” has been revised by clarifying the procedure for conditioning;
- h) Clause 7 “Warnings and markings” has been revised by improving the definition of the letter size, and by including a requirement to standardize the principles of design for labelling these buoyancy aids;
- i) Clause 8 “Safety requirements concerning in-water performance” has been revised to provide better information on safety requirements for performance in water;
- j) Clause 9 “Testing” has been revised with regard to test methods, test procedures and tests by adding new information;
- k) Annex C has been revised with an improved description of the application of force to test the buckle performance;
- l) a new Annex G with information on testing the conspicuity has been included;
- m) a new Annex I with full details of the symbols valid for Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the standard has been included;
- n) a new Annex J including complete test methods for the entanglement on protruding parts has been added;
- o) a new Annex K and a new Annex L including information on the dimensions of manikins have been added;
- p) a new Annex M with information on the in-water performance test has been included;
- q) Annex ZA has been revised;
- r) terms and definitions have been revised;
- s) the standard has been editorially revised.

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