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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee SF/7, Guarding of Woodworking Machinery, to supersede, in part, AS 1473—1991, *Guarding and safe use of woodworking machinery*.

During its work, the Committee considered the draft *Code of Practice, for Sawmilling*, prepared by WorkCover New South Wales as well as a number of draft European Standards issued by the British Standards Institution.

There are difficulties involved in safeguarding machines used in the primary milling of logs. These difficulties include the fact that, because the logs vary in size and cross-section, the use of close-fitting guards around the machine is often near impossible. The result is that the safety of operators working with the machines, particularly the older machines, depends largely upon the skill and experience of these persons.

Interlocked perimeter fencing is often used to prevent access to the danger zone of modern machinery. The use of mechanical and fluid power systems for handling logs has reduced the need for persons to work in close proximity to the log and saw blades, however the fact remains that timber milling machinery is still dangerous.

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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