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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 14467:2004) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN /TC 329, "Tourism Services", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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### Introduction

The European Standards relating to recreational diving services have been prepared by CEN/TC 329/WG 3 "Recreational Diving Services", with the aim of establishing a series of specifications for safety practices and the provision of services.

Therefore these standards specify:

- necessary levels of experience and competency of scuba divers and scuba instructors,
- safety practices and requirements for recreational scuba diving service providers appropriate to the different diving levels.

In any case, they cannot substitute for nor impose upon legal requirements, the alteration of which is outside the competence of the CEN/CENELEC members.

The series of European Standards relating to recreational diving services comprises the following standards:

EN 14153-1:2003, *Recreational Diving Services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers - Part 1: Level 1*

EN 14153-2:2003, *Recreational Diving Services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers - Part 2: Level 2*

EN 14153-3:2003, *Recreational Diving Services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers - Part 3: Level 3*

EN 14413-1:2004, *Recreational Diving Services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba instructors - Part 1: Instructor*

EN 14413-2:2004, *Recreational Diving Services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba instructors - Part 2: Instructor*

EN 14467:2004, *Recreational Diving Services – Requirements for recreational diving service providers*

Standardization is important for recreational activities, such as diving, for which training and experience are essential for the participants to be able to carry out the activity safely. Although recreational diving is potentially hazardous, the risks to the participants can easily be reduced to acceptable levels by the adoption of appropriate precautions.

The standards in the above listed series specify three levels of diver training and certification, and two levels of instructor training and certification. The present standard specifies performance requirements for the service provider, commonly known as the "dive centre".

A service provider can offer diver training and education, guided dives and rental of diving equipment, and can offer courses leading to one or more of the diver or instructor qualifications specified in EN 14153-1, -2 and -3, and EN 14413-1 and -2 respectively. The present standard specifies requirements for each of these services separately. Thus, although a client might be provided with two services at the same time, for example diver training and rental of diving equipment, the client is considered to be in receipt of two distinct services.

Service providers may often supply compressed breathing gases. This service is not covered in this European Standard as it is covered by European legislation.

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