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Foreword

The scope of mandate M/293 covers the protection of children from unintentional physical and/or mental injury associated with products, constructions and services. This includes those not intended for use by children but which are easily and generally accessible to them. The mandate covers foreseeable use and misuse within the normal behaviour of children.

For the purposes of the mandate, children are defined as persons up to the age of 14 years of age. The scope of this Guide is therefore similarly limited, except where standards can more effectively protect those under 14 years of age by considering their safety together with that of persons 14 years of age and over.

Mandate M/293 refers to any product, construction or service in the field of consumer safety that is easily and generally accessible to children or young people up to 14 years of age. Excluded from the mandate are professional areas of work where persons under 14 years of age do not have access or are not likely to have access. Also excluded are areas prohibited to the general public and those prohibited to pedestrians in general, such as traffic areas.

Where products, constructions or services are subject to regulatory requirements, e.g. European legislation or national laws, these requirements take precedence over any conflicting information given in this Guide.

In this Guide, product, construction or service is used to refer to the subject of any European Standard.

Annexes A, B, C, D, E and F are informative.

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