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## **Foreword**

This document (CEN/TS 14472-1:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 134 “Resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

The Technical Specification CEN/TS 14472, *Resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings — Design, preparation and installation*, consists of the following four parts:

*Part 1: General*

*Part 2: Textile floor coverings*

*Part 3: Laminate floor coverings*

*Part 4: Resilient floor coverings*

This document includes a Bibliography.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by December 2003, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by December 2003.

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### Introduction

European Standards are currently available for

- resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings
- classification schemes that define the characteristics of a location where a floor covering is to be used, and enable an appropriate product to be selected.

For these products to give satisfactory service, they also need to be installed competently, and to receive appropriate maintenance in service. Certain countries have issued guides and/or standards that define good practice for installation and maintenance.

To date, although there has been substantial trade in floor coverings between different countries in Europe, these have largely been installed using the methods of the country importing them. Relatively little installation work has been conducted across European borders, but it is likely that this will increase.

The Technical Specification is not intended to replace the existing national guides or standards on installation. Its purpose is:

- a) to identify a framework of good practice common to the existing national standards,
- b) to identify the principal technical differences in approach between them,

and hence

- c) to foster good standards of installation across Europe, including countries where there is no national standard on installation,
- d) to enable a specifier to specify a common procedure for installation for work in his country, which may be conducted by installers from other countries, and
- e) to enable an installer to conduct work more easily in another country.

This Technical Specification and national codes of practice for the installation of floor coverings give guidance on the associated design and building work that should be addressed if the floor covering installation is to be conducted successfully. These references are not intended as comprehensive guidance on the wider aspects of that work, which should be conducted in accordance with the appropriate codes. Certain codes for the wider aspects of design and building work are listed in the bibliography of this Technical Specification and/or in national codes on the installation of floor coverings.

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