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Partie 2: Information des consommateurs

Schwimmende Freizeitartikel zum Gebrauch auf und im
Wasser - Teil 2: Verbraucherinformation

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Foreword

This document (EN 15649-2:2009+A2:2013) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 136 “Sports, playground and other recreational facilities and equipment”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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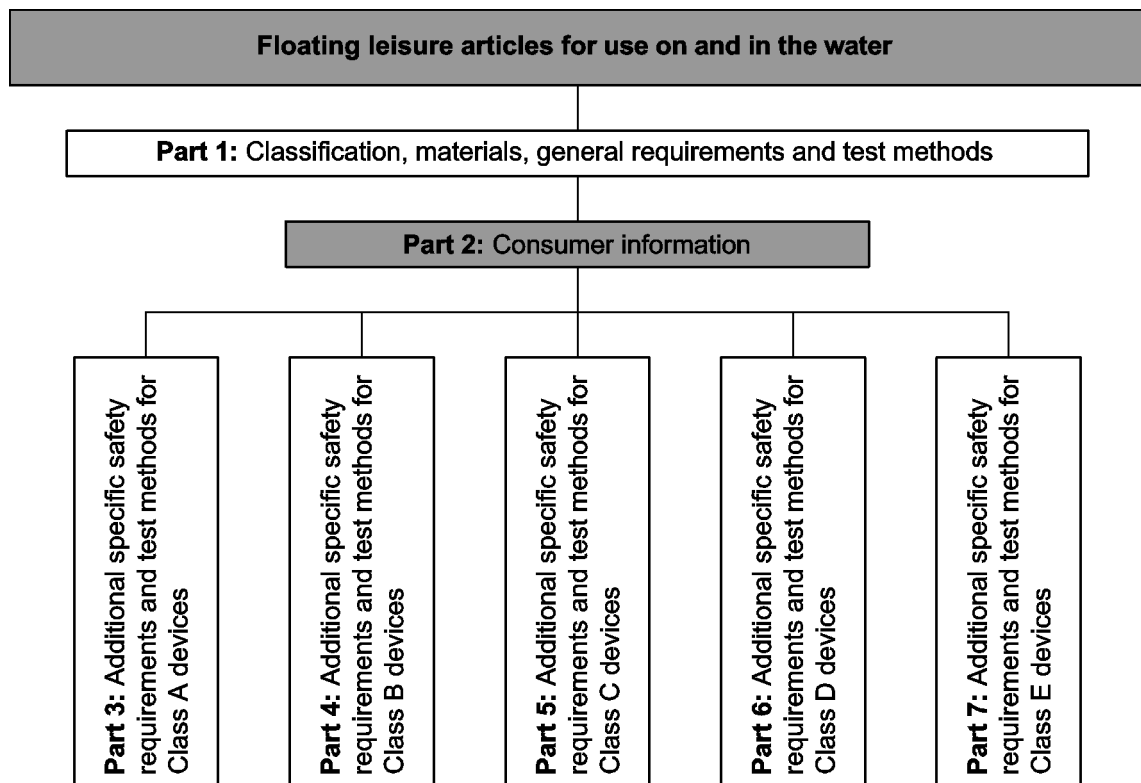
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This European Standard is one of a series consisting of seven standards dealing with floating leisure articles for use on and in the water.



Compliance of a product to this standard requires that requirements of the relevant specific part and, additionally, the requirements of EN 15649-1 and EN 15649-2 have to be met. If a product includes multiple use related to several classes it has to meet the requirements of all these classes.

Annex A is informative.

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Introduction

The safe use of floating leisure articles depends not only on the safety and reliability of the products in use but also on the adequate knowledge of the consumer/user about the risks related to water activities. The right information when selecting floating leisure articles is a further important aspect. Which device can be given to which user? What is the adequate area of use? What performance can I expect from the product, what are the limitations? What is the adequate behaviour on the water?

In particular, children need special supervision and care. Even if the products dealt with in this series of standards are only intended for use by swimmers that does not at all eliminate the well known risks which can not technically be avoided because they depend more on behaviour than on performance.

This part of the standard deals therefore in particular with all aspects to inform the consumer/user before and during use about major risks and appropriate behaviour.

Since floating leisure articles are products that are traded world wide, the issue of language and comprehensibility of explanations and information play an important role. Within the EU, consumer information has already to cope with 25 different languages. Therefore, wherever possible and where available safety information symbols and general safety signs may be used to communicate important and safety information for the user.

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