

EU textiles

Textile related legislations and testing

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Where? Belgium, UK, Germany ...?

EN 469



Uniform standards and test methods
Europe nearby or ... still far away?

Textiles - can someone help me?



Uniform standards and test methods

Actual situation

Areas to improve

Perfect!!

Future??



Actual situation for most interior textiles

diversity in

- Test methods/standards – important parameters?
- Specification standards based on different parameters
- Requirements



Problems?

- Technical
 - FR finishes necessary or not – depends on how severe requirements are
 - composition of the product?
 - ageing requirement (FR finish influenced)?
 - Environment (toxic FR's, persistent FR's ...)
- Economical
 - Barriers to trade



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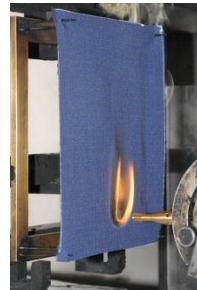
Actual situation for curtains

EN1101 ISO6941
EN13772 UNI8456
NFP92-504 BS5867
DIN4102 NFP92-505
ISO6940 NFP92-503
EN1102

Completely different methods for the same end use



M1, M2 (FR)



Type B,C (UK)



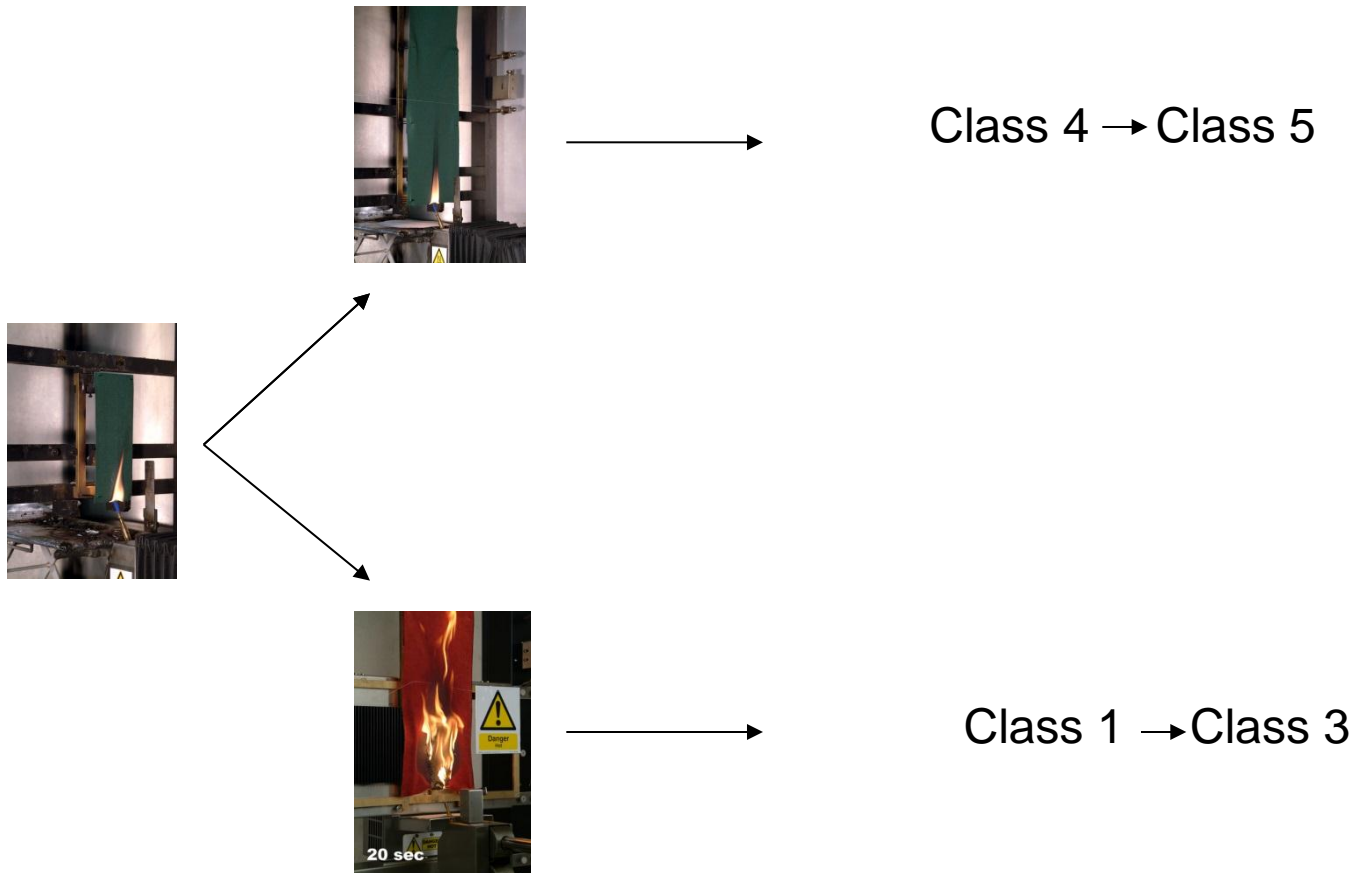
B1 (GE)

Future for curtains?

EN1101
EN1102 EN13772



Future for curtains - European system?



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Actual situation for furniture

BS5852
NFP92-505 EN1021-1
BS5852 part 1 DIN4102
NFD60-013 NFP92-504
NFP92-503 EN1021-2
UNI9175

Completely different methods for the same end use



→ crib 5 - UK



→ M class - FR



→ square burner - FR

Future for furniture?

EN1021-1
EN1021-2

EN1021-3

Future for furniture - European system?



cigarette test (RIP cigarettes??)



match flame test

to be developed?

large(r) scale test

LOI – the solution?

- This test, in isolation
 - is insufficient to evaluate the burning behaviour
 - should not be used for regulations relating to safety control and consumer protection.

LOI – the solution?

- The results are dependent upon
 - the specimen size
 - shape
 - orientation



LOI – textile materials



fabric made
of melting fibres

other areas to improve

- mattresses
- bedding
- clothing textiles
- ...



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case study for a 'perfect' situation

Protective clothing

PPE Directive **89/686/EEC**

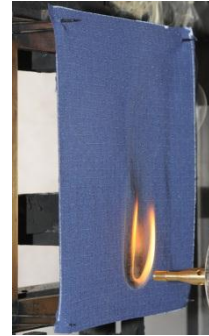
Personal protective equipment



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Protective clothing for fire fighters

- EN 469
 - Ignitability
ISO EN 15025
 - Convective heat
ISO 9151
 - Radiant heat
ISO 6942



case study for a 'perfect' situation interiors for coaches

ECE Regulation No. 118

**".. burning behaviour ... of materials
used in the construction of certain
categories of motor vehicles"**



case study for a 'perfect' situation interiors for coaches

- Annex 6 - horizontal burning rate



- Annex 7 - melting behaviour



- Annex 8 - vertical burning rate



case study for a 'perfect' situation floor coverings

Building regulations EN 13501-1

“Fire classification of construction products and building elements - Part 1: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests”



case study for a 'perfect' situation floor coverings

- ignitability



Euroclasses

- radiant panel



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promote and use these methods!!

- European methods exist for
 - curtains
 - furniture (cigarette and match)
 - mattresses (cigarette and match)
 - bedding (cigarette and match)
 - clothing textiles
 - ...



develop new EN test methods where needed

- furniture (larger ignition source EN 1021-3)
- mattresses (larger ignition source EN 597-3)
- ...



remove actual barriers

- in the meantime
 - Mutual acceptance of results/classifications based on national standards?

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Previous experience with building materials???



pre-treatment / ageing

- agree on e.g.
 - washing
 - dry cleaning
 - ageing procedures
 - ...



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Future: Promote EN Standards!!



Uniform standards and test methods

- Actual situation for textiles
 - Limited number of EN standards
 - Almost no harmonised standards
 - No European directive / regulation
 - National standards are used in stead of EN's

!! Building standards are used for testing textiles!!



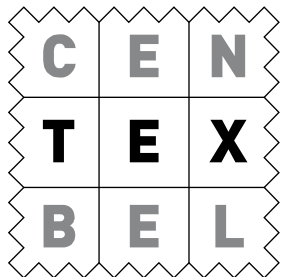
Europe is a large building site with seventeen cranes

Christine Lagarde (IMF - International Monetary Fund).



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