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British Standard BS EN 13911:2004 Requirements and test methods for fire hoods

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Summary

This Item advises Fire and Rescue Services of the recent publication of a new British Standard, BS EN 13911:2004 'Protective clothing for firefighters – Requirements and test methods for fire hoods for firefighters'.

Consequently Home Office Specification A28 is now withdrawn and Fire and Rescue Services are strongly advised to utilise BS EN 13911 in preparing their user requirement for the procurement of fire hoods.

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1.0 New British Standard

- 1.1** Fire and Rescue Services are advised of the recent publication of a new British Standard, BS EN 13911:2004 'Protective clothing for firefighters – Requirements and test methods for fire hoods for firefighters'.
- 1.2** This document is the British version of a harmonised European Standard prepared to support the Personal Protective Equipment Directive. As such hood manufacturers are able to utilise the standard in obtaining the CE mark necessary to place their hood on the market.
- 1.3** This new British standard is based largely upon Home Office Specification A28, issued under cover of DCOL 15/1997 Item F, which supported earlier guidance, contained in DCOL 8/1997, that fire hoods be used for general firefighting duties.
- 1.4** Given the publication of BS EN 13911 Home Office Specification A28 is now withdrawn and consequently Fire and Rescue Services are strongly advised to utilise BS EN 13911 in preparing their user requirement for the procurement of fire hoods.
- 1.5** BS EN 13911: 2004, ISBN 0 580 43670 5, is available from British Standards Institution Customer Services, telephone 020 8996 9001 fax 020 8996 7001 and e mail orders@bsi-global.com It is also available from the BSI website at <http://www.bsi-global.com>

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