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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

— the content has been reviewed and separated into several parts;

— the respiratory protection has been deleted from the document.

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Introduction

Wildland firefighting involves work carried out mostly in summer temperatures and for many hours, during which the firefighter can develop high levels of metabolic heat. Consequently, a helmet should be light and commensurate with the risks to which the firefighter can be exposed in order to be effective without introducing excessive heat stress to the wearer.

It is important to train firefighters in the selection, use, care and maintenance of the personal protective equipment (PPE) covered by this document, including an understanding of its limitations.

It is intended that a risk assessment be undertaken to determine if the PPE covered by this document is suitable for its intended use and the expected exposure.

This document provides minimum performance requirements for wildland firefighters' personal protective equipment designed for use for extended periods during wildland firefighting.

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Wildland firefighting personal protective equipment — Requirements and test methods —

Part 5: Helmets

1 Scope

This document specifies the minimum performance requirements and methods of test for helmets used for wildland firefighting.

This document covers the general design of wildland firefighting helmets, the minimum levels of performance for the materials employed and the methods of test used. The personal protection equipment (PPE) is not intended to provide protection during fire entrapment.

This document does not cover PPE for structural firefighting (see ISO 11999 series), for use against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear hazards, or for use where a reflective outer surface is required (see ISO 15538).

Activities in support of wildland firefighting, such as the cutting of trees and the use of a chainsaw can require additional protection to that provided in this document. Users are directed to those relevant standards for the requirements associated with such protection.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 13688:2013, *Protective clothing — General requirements*

ISO 15025, *Protective clothing — Protection against flame — Method of test for limited flame spread*

ISO/TR 19591, *Personal protective equipment for firefighters — Standard terms and definitions*

EN 960, *Headforms for use in the testing of protective helmets*

CIE 54.2, *Retroreflection — Definition and measurement*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions in ISO/TR 19591 apply.

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