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## AUSTRALIAN STANDARD: CHILDREN'S NIGHTWEAR

Standards Australia has released a new version of the Standard AS/NZS 1249 *Children's nightwear and limited daywear having reduced fire hazard*.

The new version of the Standard contains a number of significant changes including:

- Rationalisation of the flammability tests and trim requirements;
- Modification to the flammability test method to identify materials that melt and drip during testing;
- Introduction of new cautionary labels; and
- Improvement and clarification of complex parts of the Standard in order to provide users with a more workable document.

Substantial research into the previous standard, flammability of fabrics and consumer understanding of warning labels was conducted, after issues relating to compliance and ease of use had been raised by both the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and industry participants.

"This Standard specifies requirements for design, labelling and flammability performance for children's nightwear garments and daywear/underwear that will be commonly worn at night," said Dr Bronwyn Evans, Standards Australia Chief Executive Officer.

"The revision is an important step in meeting the safety expectations of parents buying nightwear for their children and ensuring that garments sold in Australia and New Zealand have minimal safety risks," Dr Evans said.

Mr Dale Carroll who Chairs Standards Australia's Technical Committee CS-086 Children's Nightwear said, "the primary objectives of the Standard are to provide criteria to assess the potential fire hazard of children's nightwear and a system of hazard labelling".

"The changes to the standard have been based on a technical investigation including the testing of a wide range of materials" added Mr Carroll.

In addition to the requirements of this Standard, suppliers must refer to national consumer regulations in Australia and New Zealand when intending to sell children's nightwear garments in these countries.

Some daywear garments have also been included in the standard because of the difficulty of distinguishing between daywear and nightwear for these items.

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