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Pyrotechnic articles — Other pyrotechnic articles

Part 4: Test methods

National foreword

This British Standard is the UK implementation of EN 16263-4:2015.

BSI, as a member of CEN, is obliged to publish EN 16263-4:2015 as a British Standard. However, attention is drawn to the fact that during the development of this European Standard the UK committee voted against its approval as a European standard. The UK committee submitted a negative vote due to the criteria in EN 16263-3:2015 relating to the kinetic energy of projected objects, including fragments, which determine whether an article is categorized as P1 or P2 (see 6.2.3.7), and the corresponding test method in EN 16263-4:2015. The UK committee is of the opinion that these are not sufficiently rigorous to minimize the risk of possible injury to users and bystanders for all articles within the scope of the standard.

The UK committee is actively engaged in seeking amendments to EN 16263-3:2015 and EN 16263-4:2015 in order to address this issue and testing has been carried out in the United Kingdom to support this initiative. In the meantime, the UK committee recommends that people supplying pyrotechnic articles (i.e. placing pyrotechnic articles on the market) that are intended to produce fragments or projected objects ensure that:

- they have assessed the potential for those fragments or projected objects to cause injury to users and bystanders;
- they provide appropriate information to users, including specifying collective measures and suitable personal protective equipment, that will allow users to take appropriate precautions to protect both themselves and bystanders.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted to Technical Committee CII/47, Pyrotechnic articles.

A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

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