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Textiles - Professional care, drycleaning and wetcleaning of fabrics and garments

Part 5: Procedure for testing performance when cleaning and finishing using dibutoxymethane

National foreword

This British Standard is the UK implementation of EN ISO 3175-5:2019. It is identical to ISO 3175-5:2019.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted to Technical Committee TCI/82, Textiles care labelling, dry cleaning, domestic laundering and drying.

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

BSI, as a member of CEN, is obliged to publish EN ISO 3175-5:2019 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.

The UK committee supported the development of this standard for the purpose of assessing the ability of textile articles to withstand cleaning in dibutoxymethane and to allow appropriate care labelling. However, the focus of the ISO working group was on incorporating the solvent in the care labelling system (ISO 3758) to the extent that it did not investigate the repeatability or reproducibility of the test method in spite of repeated requests from the UK committee to do so. In fact, nowhere has the test method been carried out under the controlled conditions according to the requirements in this document. This situation was exacerbated by a lack of volunteer laboratories in which to set up and conduct the necessary work.

For this reason, the UK committee recorded a negative vote on the publication of this document and proposed that it be published as a Technical Specification to enable its use and the collection of data to support final publication. Accordingly, the committee recommends caution in the interpretation of any results obtained, particularly in borderline cases where testing laboratories might report differently.

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