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Exigences de performance pour les vêtements de
protection pour la lutte contre l'incendie

Schutzkleidung für die Feuerwehr -
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Tätigkeiten der Feuerwehr

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European foreword

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1 Modifications to Clause 3, "Terms and definitions"

Replace the current definition for term "3.11, drain mesh material", with the following:

"water-permeable material to allow drainage of water".

Replace the current Example under term "3.16, hardware" with the following:

EXAMPLE Fasteners, rank markings, buttons, zippers, embroideries, braces (see also 3.10 device).".

Replace the current definition for term "3.43, wristlet" with the following:

"elastic part of a garment that encircles the wrist or ankles tightly".

2 Modification to 4.3.4, "Closure system"

Replace the first paragraph with the following:

"The closure system regions shall provide the same level of protection as the rest of the garment.".

3 Modification to 4.3.5, "External pockets"

In paragraph 2, replace the 3rd sentence, with the following:

"Exceptions are allowed for radio pockets and side pockets below the waist which do not extend more than 10° forward of the side seam.".

4 Modification to 4.3.11, "Drain mesh"

Replace the current text with the following:

"The width of any drain mesh material shall not exceed the 3 cm. The drain mesh material used will also become part of the component assembly and shall meet the requirements of 6.2.1.1 and 6.2.1.6 (see Annex G).".

5 Modification to 4.3.13, "Devices integrated into firefighting garments"

Replace the current text with the following:

"Any devices that are incorporated (whether permanently fixed or not), the interfaced areas or areas of interaction shall be designed so that the level of protection is maintained.".

6 Modification to 5.3, "Pre-treatment"

In paragraph 1, replace the 1st sentence with the following:

"Each test specified in Clause 6, except test in 6.2.1.6 and 6.2.1.7, shall be pre-treated by cleaning.".

7 Modification to 5.4, "Deterioration of repellency by cleaning"

In paragraph 3, replace the 2nd sentence with the following:

"Then after reimpregnation is applied, the test shall be performed again in order to demonstrate meeting the requirement.".

8 Modification to Clause 6, "Performance requirements"

In 6.1, replace the current Table 1 with the following:

"Table 1 — Summary of performance requirements of Clause 6 and 7, levels, grades and marking codes

Property	Applicable subclause	Pre-treatment according to 5.3	Performance attribute 1 and Marking (where applicable)		Performance attribute 2 and Marking (where applicable)	
Flame spread	6.2.1.1	before and after	Index 3 of EN ISO 14116:2015			
Contact heat (Level)	6.2.1.2	before and after	Not required	X1	10 s time according to EN ISO 12127-1	X2
Heat transfer (flame) (Level)	6.2.1.3	before and after	HTI ₂₄ ≥ 9,0 s HTI ₂₄₋₁₂ ≥ 3,0 s		HTI ₂₄ ≥ 13,0 s HTI ₂₄₋₁₂ ≥ 4,0 s	
Heat transfer (radiation)	6.2.1.4	before and after	RHTI ₂₄ ≥ 10,0 s RHTI ₂₄₋₁₂ ≥ 3,0 s		RHTI ₂₄ ≥ 18,0 s RHTI ₂₄₋₁₂ ≥ 4,0 s	
Residual tensile strength	6.2.1.5	after, and exposure to radiant heat	≥ 450 N			
Heat resistance	6.2.1.6	before	shrinkage ≤ ± 5 % No ignition No melting Requirements also for slide fasteners and hardware			
Heat resistance sewing thread	6.2.1.7	none	No melting at a temperature of (260 ± 5) °C.			
Resistance to penetration of chemicals	6.2.2	only according to 5.4	No penetration to innermost surface, Index of repellency ≥ 80 %			
Tensile strength	6.2.3.1	after	Outer material ≥ 450N Structural seams ≥ 300 N			
Tear strength	6.2.3.2	after	≥ 30 N			
Water penetration (Grade)	6.2.4	after	< 20 kPa	Y1	≥ 20 kPa	Y2
Dimensional change	6.2.5	after	≤ ± 3 % (woven) ≤ ± 5 % (non-woven and knitted)			