

# Fire safety of textile products

## Legislation and standardization



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The fire safety of textile products for private use is since long a matter of public concern. In many countries all over the world a great number of safety standards and laws are in force or in process of being issued soon. However, the approaches in the different countries show considerable variations, and the development of international standardization proceeds slowly.

In Europe the Member States of the European Communities agreed to remove all national trade barriers in order to have a free internal market by the year 1992. It can be foreseen that a strong public debate will develop by that time if the years to come do not lead to a common understanding in Europe about the required fire safety levels for textiles.

This study provides a basis for discussion about fire safety requirements for textile products. In order to facilitate the application of the research results, the legal approach of the European Communities has been chosen as the basic philosophy of this study.