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UPDATED Standard for Baby Sleepbag Standard EN 16781

On 3rd September 2026, a revision of EN 16781:2026 Textile child care articles – Safety requirements and test methods for children's sleep bags for use in a cot was published. The standard has been restructured for a more hazard based approach and a number of clauses have been updated to reflect this.

The key updates of the standard are as follows:

- prEN 16781:2024 has been restructured to be hazard-based;
- The scope has been clarified and reference to Annex D which includes further topics for investigation is made.
- Additional normative references are added to update specification standards or standardised test methods
- New terms and definitions have been added for drawstring, label, hang tag, small part, back zone, child height, stature, recumbent length, press fastener, slide fastener (zip), locking device, weighted sleepbag, traceability, multi-seasonal configuration and button
- Requirements on slide fasteners, buttons and press fasteners have been clarified. Requirement related to weighted sleep bag has been added
- A child height range has been added to the requirement table, as well as requirements for sleep bag length
- The test method for the neck opening circumference has been improved to determine the neck opening circumference at the relaxed state as it is when the sleep bag is used by taking into consideration the mechanical behaviour of any sleep bag materials
- Requirements related to entrapment hazards have been clarified regarding the textile and non-textile materials
- Requirements on attached components refer to CEN/TS 17394-1:2021 and test methods on attached components refer to EN 17394-2, CEN/TS 17394-3 or CEN/TS 17394-4
- Requirements and test method on the sleep bag length have been added
- The definition of the back zone has been revised and detailed
- Requirements on migration limits for certain substances have been updated
- Requirements on thermal resistance have been detailed, and the test method refers to EN 17667
- Declaration of the thermal resistance related to multi-seasonal sleep bags has been added
- An additional warning and detail to the information has been added
- Annex A is added to deal with inherently safe design
- Annex B Some clarifications have been introduced. Rationale for sleep bag length has been added
- Annex C Examples of the relationship between ambient room temperature of the sleep environment, thermal resistance of the child sleep bag and choice of sleepwear have been added;
- Annex E Summary of specific marking, purchase information and user instruction has been updated

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