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Introduction

0.1 Motives, problems, risk assessment, methods

Investigations in statistical data related to drowning accidents and near-drownings create a new awareness about the enormous relevance of drownings in many countries. In particular, during childhood drowning is the second most common cause of death. Due to a lack of exactness of the available statistical data, they do not reveal details concerning the relation between drowning accidents and the involvement of certain products. Such links can be shown only for segments of the wide range of water activities related products. Consumer protection needs to rely on conclusions by risk analysis, experience and analogy to known cases. Considerations based on probability and the precautionary principle is the second access to the problem. That applies in particular for the product group “Floating leisure articles for use on and in the water” as this group is constituted here and now as a market segment to be addressed by standardization for safety reasons. Beyond the statistical deficiencies, relations between certain products and an increased risk of drowning are plausible. A risk analysis undertaken by WG 13 shows what the partial and final risks are.

Until now, standardization has addressed the risks through a wide series of standards aiming at the protection against drowning and covering a number of products used in leisure activities on and in the water. There are standards covering the relevant products for activities like playing in the water, water sports, boating, diving, learning to swim and even the emergency devices as buoyancy aids and life jackets. Beyond these typical and traditional activities and products, there is a new tendency for the creation and marketing of more and more new products. They are all aiming to increase pleasure and entertainment on the water but also more speed, action and thrill as far as the new adventurous activities as “tubing”, “white water rafting” etc. is concerned. The new products are partly modified traditional core products or they are derived from them and further developed to something new. Additionally, there is a clear trend to bring more and more formerly land based playground equipment on the water. The term “amphibiation” is justified as in many cases the original function of the product is maintained, i.e. they can be used both ways. Typical examples for the first mentioned kind of new products are modifications of inflatable boats into a bathing raft in fantasy shape or the further development of the earlier swim-ring into a flotation seat. Examples for “amphibians” exist in inflatable trampolines, climbing installations being put on the water for action and fun. Inflatable floating armchairs and sun loungers including the mini bar and sun shade rather serve for more comfort and relaxation when bathing. This trend is clear and very likely to continue.

It can be shown that the nature of these new products provide an equal or even higher risk potential than the original core products. In parallel, the number of these products override the number of the core products. In cases of collective use, the frequency of use is considerably increased which in turn increases the likelihood of accidents — drownings. Drowning is the final risk of the mentioned product related activities, there are other somewhat lesser evils — partial risks — which are likely to happen too independently or in combination with the final risk.

Having in mind the existing safety related standardization, an evident discrepancy emerges. Standardization in the past was focused on the core products and has neglected the huge amount of products forming the so called “grey zone”. We always were aware of this fact, but the “grey zone” was so disturbingly complicated and never really considered and investigated. The triggering incident to change this was the swim seat case, its interaction with aquatic toys and all the many related products mentioned above. The fact of negligence highlights the reason. It was due to this inconsistency, variety and complexity that these products were usually excluded from the scopes of related standards. Experts involved in this standardization work therefore invented the term “grey zone products”. A systematic risk analysis or an investigation in drowning accidents was never made. What matters today is not so much the fact of a disturbing gap in the series of existing standards but the knowledge that there are a number of coincidences:

- all in all the main user groups of these products are children and adolescents who in turn are the main victims of drowning;
- the main areas where drowning happens are identical with the areas of use for such products (rivers, lakes, pools, bathing beaches);

- the risks can be easily identified partly proven, the increase in numbers and frequencies were already mentioned.

0.2 Equal risk, equal requirement

- Equality of risks shall lead to an equality of technical rules (risk-/rule-alignment);
- closing the standardization gap, completeness;
- setting of clear boundaries between the product areas in order to avoid incorrect certification (e.g. unjustified CE-Mark), “standard jumping” including escape from tougher standards into weaker ones, contributing to overcome the problems of an extremely wide and vague definition of aquatic toys according to European Directive 2009/48/EC and the distinction of shallow and deep water as dividing criterion;
- avoidance of individually established testing procedures by the various test houses in the absence of a unified technical rule.

0.3 Risks and need for prevention

- Relevance of drowning is proven (age groups, places, partly product involvement);
- new products increase frequency of use and amount of products likely to contribute to accidents;
- theoretical risk analysis shows additional risks below the final risk of drowning;
- plausibility and likelihood of harm to users is evident, so is the probability of adequate safety standards to avoid or minimize this;
- to contribute positively to the basic problem of parental supervision which is needed and claimed with regard to child activities but in many cases weak, not existing or neglected;
- safety by utmost inherent safety by design from the product in addition to this technical safety shall be supplemented through supervision it is recommended for younger children;
- we should recognize that there are new trends to bring more and more former land based products on the water, as well as trends to adventure activities increasing the thrill of water related leisure activities and entertainment;
- need for prevention.

0.4 Body dimensions by the USA-population

Body entrapment, human tests subjects and USA anthropometric data: ISO 25649-1 includes test procedures based on human test subjects. The anthropometric data for the worst case human test subject – the heaviest and biggest person representing the 95th percentile of a population – have been derived from European body measurement data. With the current internationalization of this European standard to an ISO 25649 series it is necessary to adapt these European data to international circumstances. The international worst case regarding body dimensions is constituted by the USA-population. The 95.% body weight for the USA population has to be increased from 90 kg to 110 kg and the Body Mass Index (BMI) should be specified between 35 and 40. This corresponds to a body height of 170 cm to 175 cm. Accordingly the rigid test probe has to be modified too. An amendment concerning this subject is in process and will be launched immediately after the formal vote procedure.