
**Floating leisure articles for use on and
in the water —**

**Part 2:
Consumer information**

Articles de loisirs flottants à utiliser sur ou dans l'eau —

Partie 2: Informations aux consommateurs

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Foreword

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Introduction

The safe use of floating leisure articles depends not only on the safety and reliability of the products in use but also on the adequate knowledge of the consumer/user about the risks related to water activities. The right information when selecting floating leisure articles is a further important aspect. Which device can be given to which user? What is the adequate area of use? What performance can be expected from the product, what are the limitations? What is the adequate behaviour on the water?

In particular, children need special supervision and care. Even if the products dealt with in this series of standards are only intended for use by swimmers that does not at all eliminate the well-known risks which cannot technically be avoided because they depend more on behaviour than on performance.

This document deals therefore in particular with all aspects to inform the consumer/user before and during use about major risks and appropriate behaviour.

Since floating leisure articles are products that are traded world-wide, the issue of language and comprehensibility of explanations and information play an important role. Within the EU, consumer information has already to cope with 25 different languages. Therefore, wherever possible and where available supplementary safety information symbols and general safety signs may be used to communicate important and safety information for the user.

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Part 2: Consumer information

1 Scope

This document specifies consumer information for classified floating leisure articles for use on and in water according to ISO 25649-1.

This document is applicable with ISO 25649-1 and the relevant specific parts (ISO 25649-3 to ISO 25649-7).

NOTE 1 Specific safety requirements are specified in the specific parts ISO 25649-3 to ISO 25649-7.

NOTE 2 The specific parts can include exclusions from the general requirements specified in this document and/or ISO 25649-1.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3864-2, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Part 2: Design principles for product safety labels*

ISO 25649-1:2017, *Floating leisure articles for use on and in the water — Part 1: Classification, materials, general requirements and test methods*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 25649-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Consumer information

4.1 General

Floatable leisure articles shall be accompanied by adequate product information.

This information shall serve the purpose of:

- information before buying (point of sale information);
- information for preparing the product for use;
- information relating to the use of the product;

- information concerning maintenance, storage and repair.

Supplementary safety information symbols and safety signs as given in [Clause 6](#) may be used to substitute the text and to inform the user about all relevant information related to safety, use, sizing, etc.

The supplementary safety information symbol related to fatal risks shall be presented in a combination of this symbol and explanatory text. This applies for the symbol “No protection against drowning” (see [Figure 1](#)).

4.2 Consumer information at point of sale (information before buying)

4.2.1 General

Information at point of sale shall be given on the packaging or in a way that it can be noticed by the consumer, e.g. through a transparent cover. It shall include all data relevant for matching consumer needs with the performance characteristics of the product, in particular those related to the rough shape (appearance) and dimensions of the product, user specifications (age groups, body weight, etc. if applicable), load capacity, place of use, performance and relevant safety information. As means of conveying this information in a unified and comprehensible way, the supplementary safety information symbol and safety sign as specified in [Clause 6](#) shall be applied. When necessary, supplementary safety information symbol and safety sign shall be supplemented by plain text. The order of supplementary safety information symbols shall follow a coherent approach following the logic of buying and use. The supplementary safety information symbols and the safety sign shall be grouped together as specified in [6.2](#).

4.2.2 General information to be provided

The general information is the following:

- Name and address of supplier;
- Type of device, designation;
- Picture or diagram showing the rough shape of the inflatable and its main dimensions;
- Number of this document.

4.3 Information related to preparation for use

Information for installation and preparing for use shall be given in the instructions for use. In cases of simple design and use, it may be printed on the product.

4.4 Information related to maintenance, repair and storage

Information on maintenance, repair and storage shall be given in the instructions for use.

5 Requirements related to printing

5.1 General

Printing containing information shall be in contrast to its background. Supplementary safety information symbols and general safety signs shall be printed as shown in [Clause 6](#).

5.2 Durability of printings on the product

Printings of all information on the product shall comply with the durability requirements given in ISO 25649-1:2017, Clause 7.

5.3 Language and letter size for plain text information on the product

5.3.1 Requirements

Markings shall be printed or embossed in upper case, letter size not less than 5 mm in height for the word “WARNING” and not less than 3 mm in height lower case for the remaining text. Colour may vary but shall always be in contrast or relief to the background and be legible.

Plain text information shall be given in the language of the country of sale.

5.3.2 Testing

Verification by inspection.

6 Product safety label

6.1 General

Supplementary safety information symbols and general safety signs on the product or in the accompanying information material shall be in accordance with the layout as presented in [Figure 1](#) to [Figure 37](#).

6.2 Supplementary safety information symbol

6.2.1 Supplementary safety information symbols related to warnings

The supplementary safety information symbols below (allocation of the supplementary safety information symbol, see [6.7](#)) shall be headed by the warning action sign in [Figure 35](#).¹⁾



Figure 1 — No protection against drowning



Figure 2 — Risk of getting entrapped if size is not appropriate

1) The supplementary safety information symbols will in future be in accordance with ISO 7010, if an appropriate registered safety sign exists.