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European foreword

This document (EN 16781:2026) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 248 “Textiles and textile products”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by March 2027 and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by March 2028.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. CEN shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

This document supersedes EN 16781:2018.

The main technical changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- EN 16781:2026 has been restructured to be hazard-based;
- Clause 1, Scope has been clarified;
- Clause 2, additional normative references have been added to update to either specification standards (EN 16732, CEN/TS 17394-1) or standardized test methods (EN 17394-2, CEN/TS 17394-3, CEN/TS 17394-4, EN 17667);
- Clause 3, new terms and definitions have been added;
- 5.1.1, requirements related to slide fasteners, buttons and press fasteners have been clarified. Requirement related to weighted sleep bags has been added;
- 5.1.1.1.7, a child height range has been added in the requirement table, as well as requirements for sleep bag length;
- 5.1.1.2.1, 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;
- 5.1.2, requirements related to entrapment hazards have been clarified regarding the textile and non-textile materials;
- 5.1.3, 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;
- 5.1.4, requirements related to entanglement hazards have been clarified;
- 5.1.5, the definition of the back zone has been revised and detailed;
- 5.1.7, requirements and test method on the sleep bag length have been added;
- 5.2, requirements on migration limits for certain substances have been updated;
- 5.3, requirements on thermal resistance have been detailed and the test method refers to EN 17667;
- 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4, declaration of the thermal resistance related to multi-seasonal sleep bags has been added;

- 6.4, a warning and an information have been added;
- Annex A has been 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;
- Annex ZA has been added for the correspondence of the requirements between this document and the EU Regulation.

This document has been prepared under a standardization request addressed to CEN by the European Commission. The Standing Committee of the EFTA States subsequently approves these requests for its Member States.

For the relationship with EU Legislation, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

Following the publication and implementation of this document in CEN member countries, it has been agreed by CEN TC 248 that there should be an 18-month transition period from the date of availability to allow manufacturers to develop and produce children's sleep bags that conform to the standard. This period is also to allow the supply chain, from manufacturer through to the consumer, to be cleared of non-conforming children's sleep bags for use in a cot.

Any feedback and questions on this document should be directed to the users' national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found on the CEN website.

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Introduction

The European Commission Mandate M/497, followed by Product and Service safety in the Directorate-General Health and Consumers, under the title “*Standardisation mandate to CEN, CENELEC and ETSI on the safety of child-care articles; Cluster 2- risks in the sleeping environment; Mattresses for cots, cot bumpers, suspended beds for children, duvets for children, sleep bags for children*”, issued on 2011-10-20 and accepted by CEN BT on 2011-12-20, requested that CEN develop standards or specifications including safety requirements and test methods, warnings and instructions to adult users in order to address the possible hazard posed by these products.

The aim of this document is to minimize the main *hazards posed by products in the sleep environment of babies and young children*.

For the development of this document, attention was paid to:

- the child’s stages of development (age, height, weight, ability, etc.). The safety of child-care articles, in relation to the risks in the sleeping environment (articles such as mattresses for cots, cot bumpers, suspended beds for children, duvets for children, sleep bags for children) was studied in relation to children up to 3 years of age. In this document, the main hazards (suffocation and overheating) are more common to children up to 24 months;
- the intended or foreseeable use of the product, bearing in mind a child’s behaviour. Such behaviour exposes children to injury in ways that differ from those of adults, making children a particularly vulnerable group in society;
- the hazard presented by the product in the circumstances under which the product and the child come into contact with each other.

IMPORTANT — In order to comply with the essential safety requirements, this document is hazard based. As this document only deals with a particular textile child-care article, i.e. children's sleep bags, design characteristics have been specified only when necessary in order to introduce inherently safe design. These characteristics have been specified in a manner which allows compliance to be checked by interested parties, from designers to market surveillance authority officers.

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the safety of children's sleep bags which are used in the children's sleeping environment (i.e. not under supervision) and designed to provide sufficient warmth so as to remove the need for additional bedding when sleeping in a cot or similar product (e.g. crib/cradle) in which a child is contained. It is applicable to products for use by children up to the age of 24 months.

NOTE Requirements of this document are not relevant when sleep bags are used for children over the age of 24 months or when they have the ability to climb out of a cot or sleep in a bed.

This document does not apply to products

- designed for use during the care of premature children, or
- designed for children of low birthweight (i.e. lower than 2,5 kg – see B.1), or
- designed for medical settings or for children with special medical needs (see B.1), or
- for outdoor use or to products designed to keep a child warm in a pushchair (e.g. foot muff) (see B.1), or
- for use in a car restraint system for children (see B.1).

If a part of the children's sleep bag is designed to offer additional function (e.g. play function, swaddling functions), this part will, in addition to the following requirements, be subjected to safety requirements related to relevant standards (see B.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.

EN 71-3:2019+A2:2024, *Safety of toys - Part 3: Migration of certain elements*

EN 1103:2005, *Textiles - Fabrics for apparel - Detailed procedure to determine the burning behaviour*

EN 1162:1996, *Feather and down - Test methods - Determination of the oxygen index number*

EN 1164:1998, *Feather and down - Test methods - Determination of the turbidity of an aqueous extract*

EN 12935:2001, *Feather and down - Hygiene and cleanliness requirements*

EN 16711-2:2015, *Textiles - Determination of metal content - Part 2: Determination of metals extracted by acidic artificial perspiration solution*

EN 16732:2025, *Slide fasteners (zips) - Specification*

CEN/TS 17394-1:2021, *Textiles and textile products - Part 1: Safety of children's clothing - Security of attachment of attached components to infants' clothing - Specification*

EN 17394-2:2020, *Textiles and textile products - Part 2: Safety of children's clothing - Security of attachment of buttons - Test method*

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CEN/TS 17394-3:2021, *Textiles and textile products - Part 3: Safety of children's clothing - Security of attachment of metal mechanically applied press fasteners - Test method*

CEN/TS 17394-4:2021, *Textiles and textile products - Part 4: Safety of children's clothing - Security of attachment of components except buttons and metal mechanically applied press fasteners - Test method*

EN 17667:2022, *Test method - Determination of thermal resistance of filled textile articles and similar items using small guarded hotplate apparatus*

EN ISO 105-A01:2010, *Textiles - Tests for colour fastness - Part A01: General principles of testing (ISO 105-A01:2010)*

EN ISO 105-A11:2012, *Textiles - Tests for colour fastness - Part A11: Determination of colour fastness grades by digital imaging techniques (ISO 105-A11:2012)*

EN ISO 105-E01:2013, *Textiles - Tests for colour fastness - Part E01: Colour fastness to water (ISO 105-E01:2013)*

EN ISO 139:2005,¹ *Textiles - Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing (ISO 139:2005)*

EN ISO 3071:2020, *Textiles - Determination of pH of aqueous extract (ISO 3071:2020)*

EN ISO 4045:2018, *Leather - Chemical tests - Determination of pH and difference figure (ISO 4045:2018)*

EN ISO 6330:2021, *Textiles - Domestic washing and drying procedures for textile testing (ISO 6330:2021)*

EN ISO 14184-1:2011, *Textiles - Determination of formaldehyde - Part 1: Free and hydrolysed formaldehyde (water extraction method) (ISO 14184-1:2011)*

EN ISO 17226-1:2021, *Leather - Chemical determination of formaldehyde content - Part 1: Method using high-performance liquid chromatography (ISO 17226-1:2021)*

ISO 105-F10:1989,² *Textiles - Tests for colour fastness - Part F10: Specification for adjacent fabric: Multifibre*

ISO 4915:1991, *Textiles - Stitch types - Classification and terminology*

ISO 7000:2019, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment - Registered symbols*

¹ As impacted by EN ISO 139:2005/A1:2011.

² As impacted by ISO 105-F10:1989/A1:2009.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

3.1

sleep bag

bedding item consisting of a full-length fabric bag with neck opening and armholes and designed to contain a child

Note 1 to entry: The sleep bag is not considered to be a garment.

Note 2 to entry: The sleep bag can be single or multi-layered, and with or without filling material.

Note 3 to entry: The sleep bag can be used in conjunction with sleepwear.

3.2

cot

bed for a child consisting of a base and enclosed by high sides to prevent the child from falling out

3.3

harm

injury or damage to the health of people

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 51:2014, 3.1, modified — “or damage to property or the environment” has been deleted.]

3.4

hazard

potential source of *harm* (3.3)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 51:2014, 3.2]

3.5

risk

combination of the probability of occurrence of *harm* (3.3) and the severity of that harm

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 51:2014, 3.9, modified — Note 1 to entry has been deleted.]

3.6

inherently safe design

measures taken to eliminate *hazards* (3.4) and/or to reduce *risks* (3.5) by changing the design or operating characteristics of the product or system

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 51:2014, 3.5]

3.7

cord

chain, ribbon, string or tape of any textile or non-textile material, including elastic material

EN 16781:2026 (E)**3.8****drawstring**

cord (3.7) which passes through a channel, loop(s) or eyelet(s) or similar, to adjust the size of the opening, or part of the sleep bag or to fasten the sleep bag itself

Note 1 to entry: This definition is inspired from EN 14682:2014, 2.5 [11].

3.9**asphyxiation**

insufficient supply of air to the airways

Note 1 to entry: Insufficient supply of air could be caused, e.g. by closing off the flow of air as a result of choking or suffocation or by entrapment in an unventilated, confined space.

[SOURCE: EN 71-1:2026, 3.4]

3.10**choking**

closing off the flow of air as a result of internal *asphyxiation* (3.9)

Note 1 to entry: Choking can, for example, be caused by inhalation of an object, by an object becoming wedged in the mouth or pharynx, or by an object becoming lodged over the entrance to the lower airways.

[SOURCE: EN 71-1:2026, 3.10]

3.11**suffocation**

closing off the flow of air as a result of airway obstruction external to the mouth and nose

[SOURCE: EN 71-1:2026, 3.69]

3.12**monofilament sewing thread**

continuous single filament of man-made fibre which can withstand the mechanical operation of sewing

3.13**burr**

roughness, caused by not cleanly severing or finishing the material

[SOURCE: EN 71-1:2026, 3.7]

3.14**surface flash**

rapid spread of flame over the surface of a material without ignition of its basic structure

Note 1 to entry: However, if the latter occurs simultaneously or sequentially with surface flash, it is not considered as a part of surface flash.

[SOURCE: ISO 4880:1997, modified — The second note to entry has been deleted.]

3.15**label**

piece of material displaying information and permanently attached to the textile product

3.16**hang tag**

piece of material displaying information that is intended to be removed from the textile product before first use

3.17**small part**

component or piece of a component which when dropped, without compression, into the small parts cylinder (Figure 1) in any orientation, fits entirely within the cylinder

Dimensions in millimetres

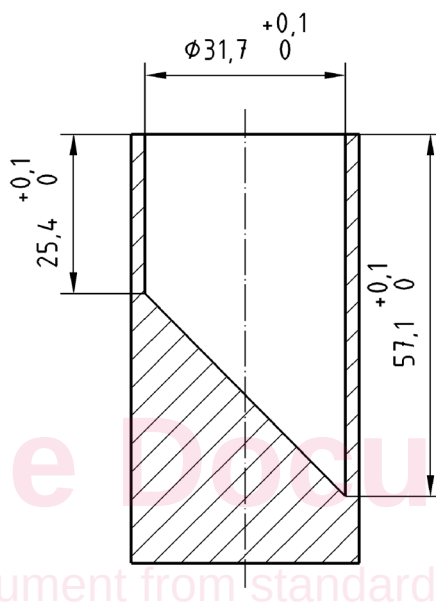


Figure 1 — Small parts cylinder

3.18**back zone**

area on the back of the sleep bag, when laid down flat, starting at the side neck point and extending downwards from the side neck point and finishing on both sides with a margin inwards from armholes and sides

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 7.

3.19**child height**

stature (3.19.1) or *recumbent length* (3.19.2) of a child

3.19.1**stature**

vertical distance from the highest point of the head in the median line to the ground

Note 1 to entry: Identical to stature (body height) in ISO 7250-1.

Note 2 to entry: The term *height* is commonly used and covers both *stature* (3.19.1) and *recumbent length* (3.19.2).

[SOURCE: EN ISO 8559-1:2020, 5.1.1]

EN 16781:2026 (E)**3.19.2****recumbent length**

horizontal distance from the vertical plate to which the soles touch to the crown of the head in the median line

Note 1 to entry: The term 'height' is commonly used and covers both *stature* (3.19.1) and *recumbent length* (3.19.2).

[SOURCE: EN ISO 8559-1:2020, 5.1.2]

3.20**press fastener**

fastening device consisting of a male component and a female component that are attached to different parts of a sleep bag and which are fastened by aligning the two components and pressing them together

Note 1 to entry: Press fasteners include poppers and snaps.

Note 2 to entry: These may be functional or decorative.

[SOURCE: CEN/TS 17394 3:2021, 3.1, modified — *garment* replaced with *sleep bag*.]

3.21**slide fastener (zip)**

fastening device consisting of two flexible, interlocking stringers, with or without end stops, and one or more sliders so arranged that by moving the slider along the stringers in one direction an opening is formed, and by moving it in the other direction the opening is closed

[SOURCE: EN 16732:2025, 3.1]

3.22**locking device**

device incorporated in the slider unit restricting its free movement along the slide fastener length in an opening direction

Note 1 to entry: The locking device might operate either automatically on release of the puller or by manual pressure on the puller.

[SOURCE: EN 16732:2025, 3.8]

3.23**weighted sleep bag**

sleep bag in which one or more areas include additional functional weighting

3.24**traceability**

ability to trace the history, application, location or source(s) of a material or product throughout the supply chain

[SOURCE: ISO 22095:2020, 3.6.1]

3.25**multi-seasonal configuration**

combination of sleep bag parts for use singly or in combination in different seasons

3.26

button

knob or disc which can be attached to a sleep bag by means of, for example, sewing thread

[SOURCE: EN 17394-2:2020, 3.3, modified — *garment* replaced with *sleep bag*.]

4 General

The requirements provided in this document are the characteristics for a sleep bag which are considered to result in inherently safe design.

NOTE 1 Inherently safe design is provided in Annex A, and summarized in Table A.1.

NOTE 2 Rationales for the inclusion of some of the requirements given in this document are given in Annex B, and summarized in Table B.1.

5 Requirements and test methods

5.1 Mechanical and physical hazards (see B.3)

5.1.1 Suffocation hazards (see B.3.1)

5.1.1.1 Requirements

5.1.1.1.1 There shall be no plastic print or coated fabrics having a continuous area which exceeds 100 mm by 100 mm. Areas of plastic print or coated fabric shall not exceed 10 % of the total area of the sleep bag (Table A.1 and B.3.1.1).

5.1.1.1.2 Only buttons, metal press fasteners or slide fasteners shall be used for fastening the neck opening and the armhole (Table A.1 and B.3.1.3, B.3.1.4).

5.1.1.1.3 Slide fasteners shall have a slider locking device in compliance with the requirements of EN 16732:2025, Table 1 performance code B (Table A.1 and B.3.1.3).

5.1.1.1.4 Where a slide fastener is placed to fasten the neck opening, the slide fastener shall be an open-end system and the combination of the box and the insert pin shall be placed at the neck opening. This means that the top stops are not placed at the neck opening and that a slide fastener with only one slider is used (Table A.1, B.3.1.3.1 and Annex D). See Figure 2.