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The following words are commonly used in Standards, but statements using them do not have to be followed to conform to the Standard:

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- (b) "may" means that something is permitted.
- (c) "can" means that something is possible.

Structure of Standards

A Standard always has the following parts:

- (i) The Preface states who developed the Standard, what the Standard is aiming to do, and how it relates to other documents.
- (ii) The Scope states what the Standard is about, what it covers and what it does not cover.
- (iii) The Normative references clause lists other documents that are referenced in the Standard as part of requirements.
- (iv) The Terms and definitions clause defines important terms to help with understanding the Standard.

A Standard may also include other parts, such as the following:

- (1) A normative appendix sets additional requirements that need to be conformed to.
- (2) An informative appendix provides additional information or guidance. An informative appendix provides additional information or guidance. They usually do not contain requirements. If an informative appendix does contain requirements, the Standard will specify when those requirements apply.
- (3) A Bibliography lists documents referenced in the Standard but not as part of requirements.

Many Standards include notes. Notes provide recommendations and/or guidance only. They never contain requirements.

Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Australia/New Zealand Standards Committee SF-003, Protective Occupational Footwear, to supersede AS/NZS 2210.1:2010.

The objective of this document is to provide users with advice for recommended practices for the selection, care and use of protective safety and occupational footwear for use in a wide range of environment and occupations.

The major changes in this edition are as follows:

- (a) Incorporation of changes to requirements and terminology relating to occupational footwear in the latest editions of the other parts of the AS/NZS 2210 series.
- (b) Deletion of reference to AS/NZS 2210.4.
- (c) Update of reference to BS EN 50321-1, *Live working — Footwear for electrical protection, Part 1: Insulating footwear and overboots*.

The terms “normative” and “informative” are used in Standards to define the application of the appendices or annexes to which they apply. A “normative” appendix or annex is an integral part of a document, whereas an “informative” appendix or annex is only for information and guidance.

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