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2416.2 Part 2: Specifications for beach safety flags—Colour, shape, meaning and performance (ISO 20712-2:2007, MOD) (this Standard)

2416.3 Part 3: Guidance for use

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Variations between ISO 20712-2:2007 and this Standard for application in Australia and New Zealand only, are set out in Appendix ZZ.

The major change to ISO 20712-2:2007, presented in Appendix ZZ, is provision for the use in Australia and New Zealand of the Underwater Diving flag and optional augmentation of the flagpoles of beach safety flags.

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- (a) Substitute ‘Australian/New Zealand Standard’ for ‘part of ISO 20712’ wherever it occurs.
- (b) Substitute a full point (.) for a comma (,) as a decimal marker.

The terms ‘normative’ and ‘informative’ have been used in this Standard to define the application of the annex or appendix to which they apply. A ‘normative’ appendix is an integral part of a Standard while an ‘informative’ annex is for information only.

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## INTRODUCTION

There is a need to standardize a system of giving safety information that relies as little as possible on the use of words to achieve understanding.

Continued growth in international trade, travel and mobility of labour requires a common method of communicating safety information.

Lack of standardization may lead to confusion and perhaps accidents.

The use of standardized beach safety flags does not replace proper work methods, instructions and accident prevention training and/or measures. Education is an essential part of any system that provides safety information.

NOTE Some countries' statutory regulations may differ in some respects from those given in this part of ISO 20712.

## AUSTRALIAN/NEW ZEALAND STANDARD

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**1 Scope**

This part of ISO 20712 specifies requirements for the shape and colour of beach safety flags for the management of activities on coastal and inland beaches, to be used for giving information on wind and water conditions and other hazardous conditions, and to indicate the location of swimming and other aquatic activity zones extending from the beach into the water. It also specifies the colorimetric and photometric properties and the physical properties, including strength and colour fastness, of the materials from which beach safety flags are to be made.

It is not applicable to flags for use on firing ranges or to flags for use to indicate water quality or to signalling used for maritime traffic.

**NOTE** The illustrations in this part of ISO 20712 are as accurate as possible within the limitations of the printing process.

**2 Normative references**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 105-A02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A02: Grey scale for assessing change in colour*

ISO 105-A03, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A03: Grey scale for assessing staining*

ISO 105-B02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part B02: Colour fastness to artificial light: Xenon arc fading lamp test*

ISO 105-B03, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part B03: Colour fastness to weathering: Outdoor exposure*

ISO 105-E01, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part E01: Colour fastness to water*

ISO 105-E02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part E02: Colour fastness to sea water*

ISO 105-X12, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part X12: Colour fastness to rubbing*