

Compulsory Specification for

The safety of lighters

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STANDARDS ACT, 1993

COMPULSORY SPECIFICATION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIGHTERS

I, Alexander Erwin, Minister of Trade and Industry, hereby under Section 22.(1)(a)(i) of the Standards Act, 1993 (Act No. 29 of 1993), and on the recommendation of the Council of the South African Bureau of Standards, declare the specification for the safety of lighters as set out in the Schedule to be a compulsory specification with effect from the date two (2) months after the date of publication of this notice.

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A. ERWIN
Minister of Trade and Industry

SCHEDULE

COMPULSORY SPECIFICATION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIGHTERS

1 Scope

This specification establishes requirements for lighters to ensure a reasonable degree of safety for the normal use or reasonably foreseeable misuse of such lighters by users.

The specification applies to all flame-producing products commonly known as cigarette lighters, cigar lighters and pipe lighters.

The specification does not apply to matches, or to other flame-producing products intended solely for igniting materials other than cigarettes, cigars and pipes.

NOTE 1 Lighters, being flame-producing devices, can, as do all flame sources, present a potential hazard to users.

NOTE 2 The safety provisions given in this specification cannot eliminate all hazards, but are intended to reduce potential hazards.

2 Definitions

For the purposes of this specification, the definitions given in SABS ISO 9994, *Lighters - Safety specification*, as published by Government Notice No. 1411 of 31 October 1997, apply.

3 Requirements

Lighters for cigarettes, cigars and pipes shall comply with the requirements of SABS ISO 9994, *Lighters-Safety specification*, as published by Government Notice No. 1411 of 31 October 1997.