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Foreword

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Introduction

This Japanese Industrial Standard has been prepared in consideration of the actuality of manufacturing and use in Japan related to the safety of cords and drawstrings on children's clothing.

The aim of this Standard is to minimize the risk of accidental entrapment by cords or drawstrings on children's clothing taking into account the following.

- a) The child's age
- b) Behaviour and activities of children for their age and stage of development, for example playing in playgrounds, climbing trees, travelling by bus or train, ability to look after themselves, and where relevant, level of supervision.

NOTE : For the safety based on the child characteristics, refer to **ISO/IEC Guide 50** ^[1].

- c) Serious accidents involving cords and drawstrings on children's clothing fall into two main groups by age of child.
 - 1) Children from 2 to 8 years of age : entrapment of hood cords in playground equipment such as slides, resulting in fatalities.
 - 2) Children from 10 to 14 years of age : entrapment of cords and strings from the waist and lower hems of garments in moving vehicles such as bus doors, ski lifts and bicycles resulting in severe injuries or death from being dragged along or run over by the vehicle.

NOTE : 9 years old children may be included in both 1) and 2).

- d) Elasticated head or neck cords have resulted in a number of facial injuries.
- e) Children's clothing is usually sold by height as the primary measurement, sometimes with age as an additional indicator. Clothing for babies (up to around 1 year of age) is generally sold by length of the baby.

Hoods on children's clothing are widely recognized to raise the risk of accidental entrapment as well as cords or drawstrings on children's clothing. Though it is not within the scope of this Standard, the safety of hoods on children's clothing is given in Annex F.

No corresponding International Standard has been established at this point.

1 Scope

This Standard specifies requirements for cords and drawstrings on children's clothing. For the clothing required to correspond to the special needs for children, the sup-