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**SPECIFICATION FOR
PVC (VINYL) ASBESTOS
FLOOR TILES**

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Specification for PVC (vinyl) asbestos floor tiles

NOTE. This amendment extends the scope of the standard to include tiles that do not contain asbestos and also introduces, in the marking clause (clause 15), an additional requirement that if the tiles do contain asbestos, this has to be declared.

Revised text

Title. In the title on the front cover and at the top of page 5, delete 'PVC (vinyl) asbestos' and substitute 'Semi-flexible PVC'.

References. Delete 'BS 2660. Colours for building and decorative paints'.

After 'BS 2782. Methods of testing plastics' insert the following:

'Method 540A. Determination of resistance to change upon exposure under glass to daylight'.

At the end of the references insert the following:

'BS 4902. Specification for sheet and tile flooring colours for building purposes'.

Clause 1. Scope. Delete 'PVC (vinyl) asbestos' and substitute 'semi-flexible PVC'. 'Semi-flexible PVC'.

Clause 2. Materials. Delete the first sentence and substitute the following:

'The material of the floor tiles shall be a thoroughly blended composition of thermoplastic binder, fillers and pigments, with or without asbestos. If asbestos is included, only chrysotile asbestos shall be used.'

Insert the following at the end of the clause:

'NOTE. Where a manufacturer elects to use asbestos fibre in tiles, attention is drawn to the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act, 1974, The Asbestos Regulations 1969, SI 690 and to the final report of the Health and Safety Commission Advisory Committee on Asbestos 1979.

Attention is also drawn to the requirement in this British Standard to declare the presence of asbestos (see clause 15).'

Clause 3. Colour and finish. Delete the second paragraph and the first note and substitute the following:

‘NOTE. Colours for sheet and tile floorings are specified in BS 4902’.

Clause 12. Colour fastness to daylight. In the first line delete ‘Method 507A of BS 2782 : 1965’ and substitute ‘BS 2782 : Method 540A’.

Clause 15. Marking. After item (4), insert the following:

‘(5) If the product contains asbestos this shall be stated.’

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This standard makes reference to the following British Standards:

BS 655. Refined cottonseed oil.

BS 2660. Colours for building and decorative paints.

BS 2782. Methods of testing plastics.

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