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# Information content and presentation of operators' manuals provided for tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry

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# Foreword

This British Standard has been prepared under the direction of the Agricultural Machinery and Implements Standards Policy Committee. It is a revision of BS 5401:1982 which is withdrawn. This British Standard takes note that Section 36 and Schedule 3 of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 amend section 6 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. The main effect is that designers, manufacturers and importers have to take account of the reasonably foreseeable circumstances of use of their product, including activities closely related to use such as maintenance and storage, and to provide information with their product, rather than simply make it available.

This British Standard guide has been produced to help those who provide information on tractors, agricultural and forestry machinery in the form of operators' manuals. Section 1 gives guidance on the technical content of manuals. Section 2 gives general advice on methods of presenting the information.

Manuals will vary in form, e.g. from a small metal information plate affixed to a machine, to several volumes. A significant factor influencing the end product will be the complexity of the machine.

Whilst in some respects the same standards of presentation should be applied to all manuals, the materials and processes used for their presentation should be chosen to suit the contents, bearing in mind the conditions in which the manual will be used.

The exact nature of the information made available will depend on the characteristics of the machine. It is for the designer, manufacturer, importer or supplier to satisfy themselves (in consultation with each other and the user if necessary), that the information provided will be adequate.

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