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Foreword

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Introduction

Holiday parks, as part of their endeavours to diversify and offer more cost-effective holiday accommodation, are investing in the purchase of camping pods. However, until now there has been no recognized standard for the safe design and manufacture of these products.

This British Standard provides minimum safety requirements for the design and manufacture of camping pods which are used as temporary or seasonal holiday accommodation. In recent years, the camping pod has evolved from a simple alternative to a traditional tent to a more elaborate product.

Camping pods, depending upon their design, might fall within the definition of a “caravan” as given in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 (as amended) [1]. If the camping pod does not come under this definition, then it might be considered as a building.

Camping pods that exceed the scope of this British Standard might come under the scope of alternative British and European standards, for example [BS EN 1647](#) for caravan holiday homes.

NOTE Attention is drawn to the following regulations:

- *Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 (as amended) [1];*
- *Caravan Sites Act 1968 (as amended) [2];*
- *Caravan Sites Act 1968 and Social Landlords (Permissible Additional Purposes) (England) Order 2006 (Definition of Caravan) (Amendment) (England) Order 2006 [3];*
- *Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 [4]; and*
- *Caravan Sites Act 1968 (Amendment of Definition of Caravan) (Scotland) Order 2019 [5].*

1 Scope

This British Standard specifies requirements for the design and manufacture of camping pods, for use as temporary or seasonal holiday accommodation.

NOTE A camping pod has a gross internal floor area of not more than 24 m² and an overall ceiling height of not more than 3.05 m (see [3.1](#)). Structures of leisure accommodation with greater dimensions than those of a camping pod are classified as either residential park homes (covered in [BS 3632](#)) or caravan holiday homes (covered in [BS EN 1647](#)).

This British Standard does not apply to canvas/fabric related products.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes provisions, or limits the application, of this document¹⁾. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

[BS 476-3:2004+A2:2007](#), *Fire tests on building materials and structures – Part 3: Classification and method of test for external fire exposure to roofs*

[BS 476-7:1997](#), *Fire tests on building materials and structures – Part 7: Method of test to determine the classification of the surface spread of flame of products*

[BS 6262-4](#), *Glazing for buildings – Part 4: Code of practice for safety related to human impact*

[BS 7671](#), *Requirements for Electrical Installations – IET Wiring Regulations*

¹⁾ Documents that are referred to solely in an informative manner are listed in the Bibliography.