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European foreword

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This document supersedes EN 15494:2007.

EN 15494:2019 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 15494:2007:

- a) terms and definitions have been inserted;
- b) the purpose and layout of product safety labels have been explained in much more detail;
- c) part of the supplementary safety information has been modified to improve consumer comprehensibility and additional supplementary safety information has been introduced;
- d) a clear allocation of which supplementary safety information is mandatory or appropriate for which type of candle, based on a risk assessment, has been made;
- e) a minimum height of the supplementary safety symbols has been fixed;
- f) options for candles with a limited space for the label have been introduced;
- g) the option to provide safety information with an instruction leaflet has been removed;
- h) the examples of product safety labels layout on candle fire safety have been improved and complemented.

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Introduction

Candles have accompanied mankind for more than 2 000 years serving, above all, as a light source. Closely connected to the development history of the candle are the efforts made to improve its quality and its safety in use. Discussions in the past and present over possible self-forming, harmful emissions and fires caused by unsafe candles and/or inappropriate use during the burning of candles have led to consumers concern for these issues.

Most fire damage caused by candles can be attributed to improper use by the consumer. The fire risk of the candle due to inappropriate use can be minimized by suitable safety information for the consumer. This information will be easily and non-verbally comprehensible.