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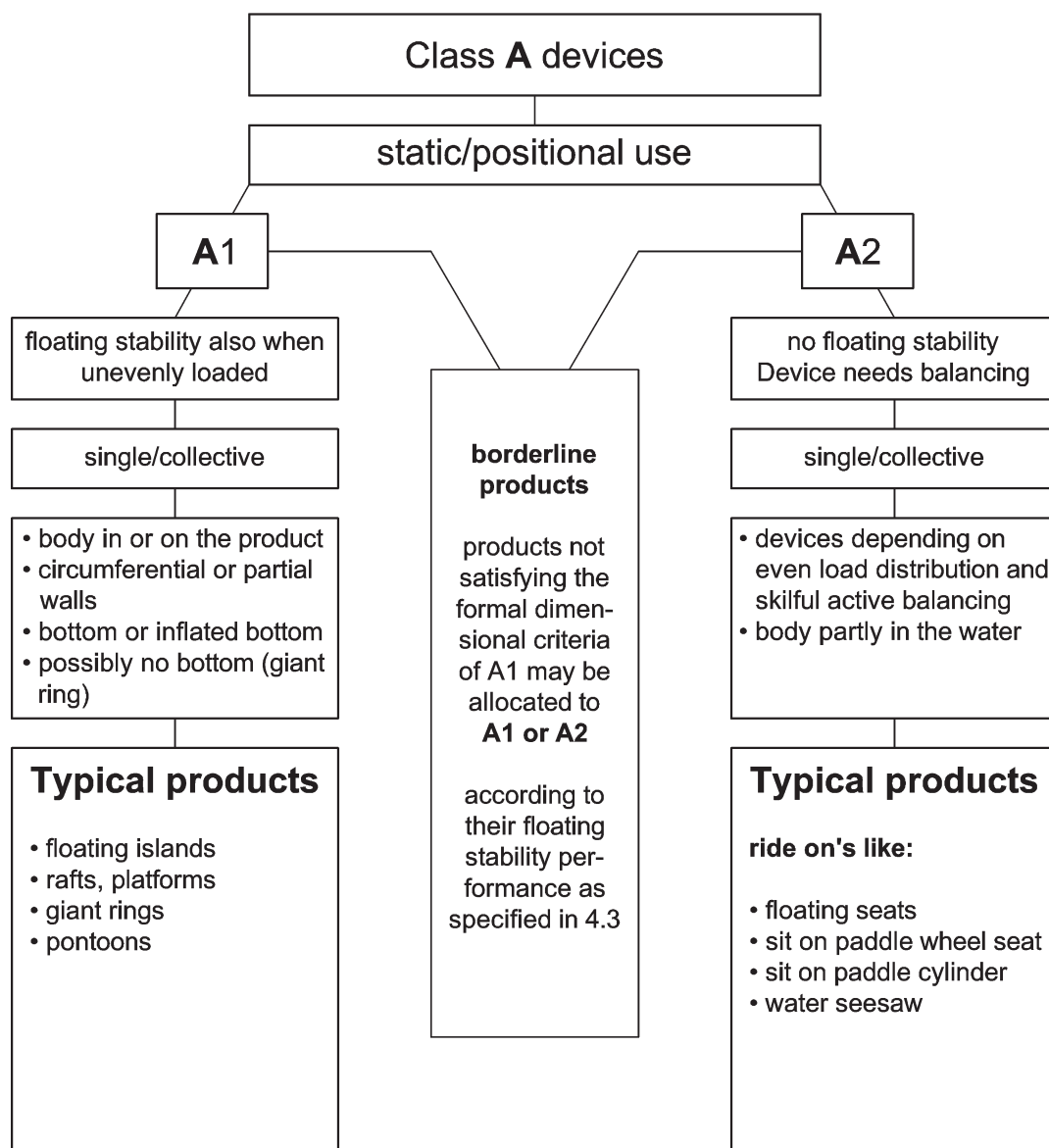
Introduction

According to the nature and the intended use of the products dealt with in this document the technical requirements are focused on space per person, floating stability matters and residual buoyancy in case of an emergency.

It needs to be taken into account that some of the products provide dual or multiple use features.

Comprehensive consumer information requirements complete the requirement profile of the document and include basic purchase information on whether a product provides floating stability or needs to be balanced by the user.

Interior Structure Class A



Risk assessment for this document is shown in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Introductory risk analysis

Class	Typical products	Place of usage	Function; range of usage; target/age group	Type of movement / propulsion	Position of user regarding equipment and elevation above water	Predictable misuse	Partial risk related to water environment	Final risk	1.1 Protection aims; 1.2 Related standard/regulation
A1	Floating inflatable islands; recreational raft; platform/pontoon, etc.	Sea shore, close to shore; lakes; smoothly running rivers; public/ private pools; ponds	Relaxing, resting on the water; sunbathing; basis for bathing and swimming/ playing; device providing high level of floating stability; single and collective use; all age groups, swimmers	Static use within limited area; little action; movement by pushing through swimming strokes only; no mechanical means of propulsion	On or in (side walls) the device, laying, sitting, no direct body fit; grab handles might exist but resting does not depend on gripping/ balancing; no dangerous height of fall	Dangerous distance from the bank/ shore; use in currents and/ or dangerous offshore winds; use by non-swimmers; fall over board; no diving platform!	Unnoticed drifting to open waters; falling asleep and consequently extreme sunburn, etc.; capsizing; skin irritation due to long duration of skin contact/ dangerous substances in contact with skin; climbing back?; hypothermia; cold shock	DROWNING	Floating stability; minimum buoyancy; residual buoyancy; space; safety handles/lines; anchorage; warning notes, labelling, swimmers only, age restriction according to ISO 6185-1, ISO 6185-2 and ISO 6185-3
A2	Large buoyant structures	Sea shore/ close to shore, lakes, public/ private pools; ponds	Action, playing in the water; balancing children; collective and single use; all age groups, swimmers	Drifting; propulsion only by swimming strokes or third party	On the device; loose fit via handles; no dangerous height	Use by non-swimmers; use in current, canal, lack of supervision	Drifting away in open waters due to wind and/ or current; devices provokes use in deep; used by non-swimmers; falling into deep water		Labelling, residual buoyancy, grab handles, supervision; warnings
A1/A2	Air mattress for use in water; floatable pool loungers; floating seating structures; giant rings/ tubes	Sea shore close to the shore; lakes, public/ private pools; ponds sea	Resting on the water; observation of under water environment; play; mainly single use; floating stability depends on design; all age groups, swimmers	Normally no mechanical means of propulsion but possible; drifting or propulsion by swimming strokes; seats might be equipped with pedals (wheel propulsion)	On/in the device; device is clung on; device is held; mainly a near horizontal posture sitting; no relevant elevation above water level	See A1/A2	See A1/A2		See A1/A2 No rule is known to provide technical substance