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Fireplaces for liquid fuels — Decorative appliances producing a flame using alcohol based or gelatinous fuel — Use in private households

National foreword

This British Standard is the UK implementation of EN 16647:2015.

BSI, as a member of CEN, is obliged to publish EN 16647:2015 as a British Standard. However, attention is drawn to the fact that during the development of this European Standard, the UK committee voted against its approval as a European Standard.

The UK committee is concerned that the requirements specified in this standard are too restrictive. The main concerns are summarized as follows:

- In Subclause 5.1 it states that “All tests should be performed by laboratory accredited according to EN ISO/IEC 17025”. This prevents self-certification.
- Throughout the standard the measurements and quantities referenced do not align with current testing practices. For example, in Subclause 5.3, a 20 kg load is referenced. A 15 kg load would be more reasonable in respect of existing products available on the UK market.
- In the test method outlined in Subclause 5.7, the 42 day timeframe for keeping a piece of filling material, as well as other aspects, make the test difficult to carry out.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted by Technical Committee RHE/13, Oil burning equipment, to Subcommittee RHE/13/1, Fireplaces for liquid fuels.

A list of organizations represented on this subcommittee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

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