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IDEST STATEMENT CONCERNING BS EN ISO 18119:2018

The new BS EN ISO was ratified and published in October 2018. Operational dates were not finalised until the last BSI meeting at the end of March.

At that meeting it was agreed that BS EN ISO 18119:2018 would not immediately supersede BS EN 1968:2002 or BS EN 1802:2002.

The three standards would run concurrently until Dec 31 2022. At midnight Jan 2023, BS EN 1968:2002 and BS EN 1802:2002 will cease to be current and BS EN ISO 18119:2018 will become the only standard used.

At the moment all labels with the former standards on can still be used.

New quadrants are being produced, with the new standard added, using a new material that cannot be removed without being destroyed. The adhesive is such that it will not dissolve in water. An alternative is to cover the label with a quick drying clear varnish.

The letter "V", is not part of the stamping in BS EN ISO 13769:2018. This stamping is being discontinued because if a smaller cylinder is used under conditions where it is inspected at six monthly intervals the shoulder will become covered in stamps very quickly and a perfectly good cylinder rendered unusable.

IDEST, ASSET and HSE have agreed to this being the better way forward.

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