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**Part 1: Specifications for water safety
signs used in workplaces and public
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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CS-093, Water Safety Signs and Symbols to supersede (in part) AS 2416—2002, *Design and application of water safety signs* and (in part) NZS 8690:2003, *Water safety signage*.

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2416.1 Part 1: Specifications for water safety signs used in workplaces and public areas (ISO 20712-1:2008, MOD) (this Standard)

2416.2 Part 2: Specifications for beach safety flags—Colour, shape, meaning and performance (ISO 20712-2:2007, MOD)

2416.3 Part 3: Guidance for use

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications and has been reproduced from ISO 20712-1:2008, *Water safety signs and beach safety flags—Part 1: Specifications for water safety signs used in workplaces and public areas*.

Variations between ISO 20712-1:2008 and this Standard, for application in Australia and New Zealand only, are set out in Appendix ZZ.

The major change to ISO 20712-1:2008, presented in Appendix ZZ, is the provision for the use in Australia and New Zealand of diamond-shaped warning signs as an alternative to the triangle-shaped signs shown in the body of the Standard. Users are free to use either the triangle or the diamond shape so long as there is consistency in the one context.

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For the purposes of this Standard, the text of ISO 20712-1:2008 should be modified as follows:

- (a) Substitute ‘Australian/New Zealand Standard’ for ‘part of ISO 20712’ wherever it occurs.
- (b) Substitute a full point (.) for a comma (,) as a decimal marker.

The normative references in Clause 2 have not been adopted as Australian/New Zealand Standards.

The term ‘normative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. A ‘normative’ appendix is an integral part of a Standard.

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INTRODUCTION

There is a need to standardize a system giving safety information related to aquatic activity that relies as little as possible on the use of words to achieve understanding.

Continued growth in international trade, travel and mobility of labour requires a common method of communicating safety information.

Lack of standardization may lead to confusion and perhaps accidents.

The use of standardized safety signs does not replace proper work methods, instructions and accident prevention training and/or measures. Education is an essential part of any system that provides safety information.

This part of ISO 20712 is intended to be used by all Technical Committees within ISO charged with developing specific safety signing in places of aquatic activity to ensure that there is only one safety sign for each safety meaning. It is also intended that this part of ISO 20712 be revised regularly to include safety signs as they are standardized by ISO, and which conform to the principles given in ISO 3864-1 and the design criteria given in ISO 3864-3.

NOTE 1 Some countries' statutory regulations may differ in some respect from those given in this part of ISO 20712.

NOTE 2 Some countries may differ in some respect from the requirements given in this part of ISO 20712 in that they use the diamond geometric shape for warning signs.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 20712 prescribes water safety signs intended for use in connection with the aquatic environment. It is intended for use by owners and operators of aquatic environments and by manufacturers of signs and equipment. However, it is not applicable to signalling used for maritime traffic.

The shape and colour required to be used for safety signs, as prescribed by ISO 3864-1, are given together with the graphical symbols contained within each sign. The water safety sign originals meet the design criteria of ISO 3864-3.

This part of ISO 20712 specifies the water safety sign originals that may be scaled for reproduction and application purposes.

This part of ISO 20712 includes water safety signs which require that supplementary text signs be used in conjunction with these water safety signs to improve comprehension.

NOTE The criteria of acceptability adopted by ISO/TC 145/SC 2 are given on website www.iso.org/tc145/sc2.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3864-1, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Part 1: Design principles for safety signs in workplaces and public areas*

ISO 3864-3, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Part 3: Design principles for graphical symbols for use in safety signs*

ISO 9186-1, *Graphical symbols — Test methods — Part 1: Methods for testing comprehensibility*

ISO 17724, *Graphical symbols — Vocabulary*