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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Industrial Warning Signs to supersede AS 1319—1983.

The two principal reasons for revising the Standard at this time are firstly to incorporate six new symbolic signs into the Standard, and secondly to alter the basic designs of signs with text messages to incorporate the colour and shape coding of symbolic signs.

The six new signs have been accepted as a result of successful comprehension testing in accordance with procedures similar to those now specified in AS 2342. The testing was carried out by Standards Australia with the financial and practical assistance of a number of large industrial employers in both public and commercial enterprises.

Signs whose function is to warn of hazards and danger have now been grouped under the general heading of hazard signs, and subdivided into DANGER signs and warning signs, the former to be used where the hazard is considered to be potentially life threatening. The term *warning* now replaces the term *caution* in previous editions, for consistency with road signs and water safety signs (neither term is now actually used on signs).

The shape coding for warning signs has been retained as a triangle, despite the use of the diamond as a warning shape for road signs and water safety signs. The Committee considered that the potential for confusion with certain signs in the Hazchem series (see AS 1216*), notably those for oxidizing agents, would render use of the yellow diamond shape undesirable for general warning signs in the industrial environment.

The text of this Standard has also been modified and expanded to provide more guidance on the design, manufacture and use of industrial safety signs.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

* AS 1216, *Classification, hazard identification and information systems for dangerous goods*.

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