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**Wildland firefighting personal  
protective equipment —  
Requirements and test methods —**

Part 7:  
**Face and eye protection**

*Équipement de protection individuelle pour la lutte contre les feux  
d'espaces naturels — Exigences et méthodes d'essai —*

*Partie 7: Protection du visage et des yeux*



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## Foreword

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The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular, the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see [www.iso.org/directives](http://www.iso.org/directives)).

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This first edition of ISO 16073-7, together with ISO 16073-8 and ISO 16073-1 to ISO 16073-6 cancels and replaces ISO 16073:2011.

The main changes are as follows:

- the content has been reviewed and separated into several parts;
- the respiratory protection has been deleted from the document.

A list of all parts in the ISO 16073 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

Wildland firefighting involves work carried out mostly in summer temperatures and for many hours, during which the firefighter can develop high levels of metabolic heat. As a consequence, the personal protective equipment (PPE) is required to be light, flexible and commensurate with the risks to which the firefighter can be exposed in order to be effective without introducing excessive heat stress to the wearer.

It is important to train firefighters in the selection, use, care and maintenance of the PPE covered by this document, including an understanding of its limitations.

It is intended that a risk assessment be undertaken to determine if the PPE covered by this document is suitable for its intended use and the expected exposure.

This document provides minimum performance requirements for wildland firefighters' personal protective equipment (PPE) face and eye protection, designed for use for extended periods during wildland firefighting.



# Wildland firefighting personal protective equipment — Requirements and test methods —

## Part 7: Face and eye protection

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the minimum performance requirements and methods of test for personal protective equipment (PPE) face and eye protection, for wildland firefighting.

This document covers the general design of the PPE, the minimum levels of performance for the materials employed and the methods of test used. This PPE is not intended to provide protection during fire entrapment.

This document does not cover PPE for structural firefighting (see ISO 11999 series), for use against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear hazards, or for use where a reflective outer surface is required (see ISO 15538).

Activities in support of wildland firefighting, such as the cutting of trees and the use of a chainsaw can require additional protection to that provided in this document. Users are directed to those relevant standards for the requirements associated with such protection.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 18526-2:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Eye and face protection — Test methods — Part 2: Physical optical properties*

ISO 18526-3<sup>2)</sup>, *Eye and face protection — Test methods — Part 3: Physical and mechanical properties*

ISO 17493, *Clothing and equipment for protection against heat — Test method for convective heat resistance using a hot air circulating oven*

ISO/TR 19591, *Personal protective equipment for firefighters — Standard terms and definitions*

EN 167:2001, *Personal eye-protection — Optical test methods*

EN 170, *Personal eye-protection — Ultraviolet filters — Transmittance requirements and recommended use*

EN 172, *Personal eye protection — Sunlare filters for industrial use*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions in ISO/TR 19591 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

1) Under preparation. Stage at the moment of publication ISO/FDIS 18526-2:2019.

2) Under preparation. Stage at the moment of publication ISO/FDIS 18526-3:2019.