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Introduction

This International Standard is intended to be used by fire safety practitioners who employ fire safety engineering calculation methods. Examples include fire safety engineers; authorities having jurisdiction, such as territorial authority officials; fire-service personnel; code enforcers; and code developers. It is expected that users of this International Standard are appropriately qualified and competent in the field of fire safety engineering. It is particularly important that users understand the parameters within which particular methodologies can be used.

Algebraic equations conforming to the requirements of this International Standard are used with other engineering calculation methods during fire safety design. Such design is preceded by the establishment of a context, including the file safety goals and objectives to be met, as well as performance criteria when a tentative fire safety design is subject to specified design fire scenarios. Engineering calculation methods are used to determine if these performance criteria are met by a particular design and if not, how the design can be modified.

The subjects of engineering calculations include the fire-safe design of entirely new built environments, such as buildings, ships or vehicles as well as the assessment of the fire safety of existing built environments.

The algebraic equations discussed in this International Standard are very useful for quantifying the consequences of design fire scenarios. Such equations are particularly valuable for allowing the practitioner to determine very quickly how a tentative fire safety design should be modified to meet performance criteria agreed-upon, without having to spend time or detailed numerical calculations until the stage of final design documentation. In this respect, the equations for ceiling jet flows can be used for estimating the response time of fire detectors and the first activated sprinklers, as well as the time for damage to some structural elements (e.g., plastic roof- or sky-lights).

The algebraic equations discussed in this International Standard are essential for checking the results of comprehensive numerical models that calculate fire growth and its consequences.

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1 Scope

- **1.1** The requirements in this International Standard govern the application of explicit algebraic equation sets to the calculation of specific characteristics of ceiling jet flows.
- **1.2** This International Standard is an implementation of the general requirements provided in ISO/TR 13387-3 for the case of fire dynamics calculations involving sets of explicit algebraic equations.
- **1.3** This International Standards arranged in the form of a template, where specific information relevant to algebraic ceiling jet flows equations provided to satisfy the following types of general requirements:
- a) description of physical phenomena addressed by the calculation method;
- b) documentation of the calculation procedure and its scientific basis;
- c) limitations of the calculation method;
- d) input parameters for the calculation method;
- e) domain of applicability of the calculation method
- **1.4** Examples of sets of algebraic equations meeting at the requirements of this International Standard are provided in separate annexes to this International Standard of each different type of ceiling jet flow. Currently, there is one informative annex containing algebraic equations for quasi-steady state, axisymmetric ceiling jet flows.

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/TR 13387-3, Fire safety engineering — Part 3: Assessment and verification of mathematical fire models

ISO 13943, Fire safety — Vocabulary

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 13943 apply.

NOTE See Annex A for the terms and definitions specific to that annex.