 Figure A.5	Always snuff out the flame. Do not blow it out.
 Figure A.6	Always use a candleholder.
 Figure A.7	Keep the wax pool clear of matches and other debris to avoid flaring.
 Figure A.8	Only use tea light in holders and warming stoves with sufficient ventilation.
 Figure A.9	Do not move a burning candle.
 Figure A.10	Use a suitable glass or holder as these candles liquefy when burning.
 Figure A.11	Never use liquid to extinguish.

Please Note:

This leaflet is not an authoritative interpretation of the law and is intended only for guidance.
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THE NEW CANDLE LABELLING REQUIREMENTS

A GUIDE TO BS EN 15494:2007

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The General Product Safety Regulations 2005

Producers and distributors have for many years been obliged by product safety legislation to provide information and warnings as to the risk their products posed where these risks were not obvious and where necessary, to provide instructions adequate to consumer needs as to the safe operation / use of the product. The General Product regulations 2005 maintain that requirement. The following standards are currently not called up in specific legislation but may assist with demonstrating due diligence under the GPSR 2000.

Fire damage caused by candles can be attributed to improper use by the consumer. The risk of fire can be minimised by suitable warnings to the consumer. In September 2007 the labelling requirements of candles changed due to the publication of European Standard BS EN 15494:2007 – Candles – Product Safety Labels.

This standard specifies the format and content of product warning labels for indoor candles. The standard requires that all information supplied with a candle is presented in a clear format on the product and should be easily and non – verbally comprehensive. Such warnings may be on the product or packaging itself or available as a separate leaflet if appropriate.

It is a requirement that the General Warning Sign (table one) be included in all labelling, preferably in a coloured graphic. In addition four mandatory safety messages must be included on all labels (table one). The warning message may be given as a pictogram or as text. If text is used, it must be in the language of the country where the candles are being sold.

In addition to the mandatory information as outlined above, the standard encourages the use of optional safety information (table two) where appropriate.

Table one - Mandatory Safety Information

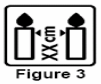
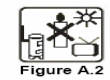
Safety information given as a symbol	Safety information given as text
	**General Warning Sign**. The safety information symbol or text shall be placed below or beside the general warning sign
 Figure 1	Never leave a burning candle unattended.
 Figure 2	Burn candle out of reach of children and pets.
 Figure 3	Always leave at least xx cm between burning candles.
 Figure 4	Do not burn candles on or near anything that can catch fire.

Table two - Optional Safety Information

 Figure A.1	Do not place candles in a draught.
 Figure A.2	Do not place candles near a source of heat.
 Figure A.3	Place candles in an upright position.
 Figure A.4	Trim wick to about 1 cm before lighting.

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