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The figures in this British Standard are only illustrative of different installation methods. These are not intended to be implemented without first checking all the parameters specific to a particular installation.

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In such installations, users have to be made aware that the level of safety, particularly the safety margin against damage of the surrounding structure due to over-firing, might be lower than for those which comply fully with this code of practice. End users have to be made aware that extra vigilance has to be exercised during the operation of the appliance.

Presentational conventions

The provisions in this standard are presented in roman (i.e. upright) type. Its recommendations are expressed in sentences in which the principal auxiliary verb is "should".

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This code of practice covers the design, installation and operation of solid fuel heating and cooking appliances (hereafter referred to as appliances) which are suitable for fitting into small craft from 2.5 m to 24 m in length. These appliances can burn either natural or manufactured solid mineral fuels, or natural or manufactured wood logs.

This code of practice gives guidance on appliance selection, design considerations, installation requirements, inspection and testing, and preparing instructions for the end user of the appliance. Guidance is also provided on the necessary safety information to be provided to the end user concerning the maintenance and safe use of these appliances.

This code of practice only applies to freestanding appliances with closable doors, with and without legs.

This code of practice does not apply to the installation of appliances with a firebox volume of less than 0.01 m³ and a grate size smaller than 0.05 m², and where the dimensional recommendations of the installation cannot be met (e.g. in traditional narrowboat boatman's back cabins).

NOTE The basic principles in this code of practice can be used in installation of appliances outwith its scope.

Warnings on the provisions necessary for appliances with boilers are given in Annex D, but this code of practice does not cover the installation details of hot water systems.

This code of practice does not cover open fires, inset appliances, or portable or other open appliances such as barbecues.

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.

BS 41, *Specification for cast iron spigot and socket flue or smoke pipes and fittings*

BS 6999, *Specification for vitreous-enamelled low-carbon-steel flue pipes, other components and accessories for solid-fuel-burning appliances with a rated output of 45 kW*

BS EN 1443:2003, *Chimneys – General requirements*

BS EN 1856-1, *Chimneys – Requirements for metal chimneys – Part 1: System chimney products*

BS EN 1856-2, *Chimneys – Requirements for metal chimneys – Part 2: Metal liners and connecting flue pipes*

BS EN 10296-1, *Welded circular steel tubes for mechanical and general engineering purposes – Technical delivery conditions – Part 1: Non-alloy and alloy steel tubes*

BS EN 10297-1, *Seamless circular steel tubes for mechanical and general engineering purposes – Technical delivery conditions – Part 1: Non-alloy and alloy steel tubes*

BS EN 12815, *Residential cookers fired by solid fuel – Requirements and test methods*