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The main changes are as follows:

- [Figure 7 a\)](#) was replaced;
- Footnote 2 was moved to the [Figure 7](#) title;
- the Excel file that can be downloaded using the link in the note to [Table B.2](#) was replaced (there was a correction because in few specific cases Excel did not work as planned).

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Although textiles, composites, leather, rubbers and reinforced materials may resist cutting by sharp edges in different ways, a test method for evaluating the resistance to cut of materials in protective clothing should be applicable to all materials. The test described in this document provides a method that allows calculations of the downwards (normal) force required to cause a blade drawn across the sample for a fixed distance to cut through the specimen.

The performance of protective clothing materials may be classified using the numerical values obtained from this test.