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## **Protective clothing — Gloves and arm guards protecting against cuts and stabs by hand knives —**

### **Part 3: Impact cut test for fabric, leather and other materials**

*Vêtements de protection — Gants et protège-bras contre les coupures et les coups de couteaux à main —*

*Partie 3: Essai de coupure par impact pour étoffes, cuir et autres matériaux*



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## Foreword

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ISO 13999 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Protective clothing — Gloves and arm guards protecting against cuts and stabs by hand knives*:

- *Part 1: Chain-mail gloves and arm guards*
- *Part 2: Gloves and arm guards made of material other than chain-mail*
- *Part 3: Impact cut test for fabric, leather and other materials*

Annex A of this part of ISO 13999 is for information only.

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## Introduction

This test is based on the impact penetration test given in ISO 13998. It differs in that the blade-holding block and blade weigh 110 g rather than 1 000 g. The test specimen support is also changed to suit the testing of fabric, leather and other materials. The test is designed particularly to assess the stab resistance of materials for gloves and arm guards. The test is also suitable for assessing gloves exposed to severe abrasion and cutting threats such as motorcyclists' gloves, working gloves for handling concrete blocks or razor wire, or protective leggings and trousers for refuse collectors. Severe abrasion is a process involving multiple cuts and this test is a good indicator of abrasion resistance of the whole thickness of a material or sequence of materials.

It has been assumed in the drafting of this part of ISO 13999 that the execution of its provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced people, for whose guidance it has been prepared. The apparatus described should only be used by competent persons and requires safeguards to prevent, as far as is reasonably practicable, injury to the operator and other persons.