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Foreword

This document (EN 14467:2004) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN /TC 329, "Tourism Services", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by August 2004 and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by August 2004.

Annex A is informative.

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Introduction

The European Standards relating to recreational diving services have been prepared by CEN/TC 329/WG 3 "Recreational Diving Services", with the aim of establishing a series of specifications for safety practices and the provision of services.

Therefore these standards specify:

- necessary levels of experience and competency of scuba divers and scuba instructors,
- safety practices and requirements for recreational scuba diving service providers appropriate to the different diving levels.

In any case, they cannot substitute for nor impose upon legal requirements, the alteration of which is outside the competence of the CEN/CENELEC members.

The series of European Standards relating to recreational diving services comprises the following standards:

EN 14153-1:2003, *Recreational Diving Services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers - Part 1: Level 1*

EN 14153-2:2003, *Recreational Diving Services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers - Part 2: Level 2*

EN 14153-3:2003, *Recreational Diving Services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers - Part 3: Level 3*

EN 14413-1:2004, *Recreational Diving Services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba instructors - Part 1: Instructor*

EN 14413-2:2004, *Recreational Diving Services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba instructors - Part 2: Instructor*

EN 14467:2004, *Recreational Diving Services – Requirements for recreational diving service providers*

Standardization is important for recreational activities, such as diving, for which training and experience are essential for the participants to be able to carry out the activity safely. Although recreational diving is potentially hazardous, the risks to the participants can easily be reduced to acceptable levels by the adoption of appropriate precautions.

The standards in the above listed series specify three levels of diver training and certification, and two levels of instructor training and certification. The present standard specifies performance requirements for the service provider, commonly known as the "dive centre".

A service provider can offer diver training and education, guided dives and rental of diving equipment, and can offer courses leading to one or more of the diver or instructor qualifications specified in EN 14153-1, -2 and -3, and EN 14413-1 and -2 respectively. The present standard specifies requirements for each of these services separately. Thus, although a client might be provided with two services at the same time, for example diver training and rental of diving equipment, the client is considered to be in receipt of two distinct services.

Service providers may often supply compressed breathing gases. This service is not covered in this European Standard as it is covered by European legislation.

The present standard for service providers has a key role in this series of standards as it specifies requirements that are common to the provision of training and certification of divers and instructors as specified in the other standards in the series.

It is important to note that the standards in this series specify only requirements that the instructor or the service provider ought to fulfil. It is not possible for a standard to place requirements upon the recipient of a service.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements for service providers in the field of recreational scuba diving.

It specifies three areas of service provision:

- training and education,
- organised and guided diving for certified divers,
- rental of diving equipment.

Service providers may offer one or more of these services. This European Standard specifies the nature and quality of the services to the client and applies only to contractual provision of those services.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 14153-1, *Recreational Diving Services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers - Part 1: Level 1 – Supervised Diver*

EN 14153-2, *Recreational Diving Services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers - Part 2: Level 2 – Autonomous Diver*

EN 14153-3, *Recreational Diving Services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers - Part 3: Level 3 - Dive Leader*

EN 14413-1:2004, *Recreational Diving Services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba instructors - Part 1: Level 1*

EN 14413-2, *Recreational Diving Services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba instructors - Part 2: Level 2*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

service provider

entity (individual or organisation), including any individual acting on behalf such an entity, which offers one or more of the following services:

- training and education,
- organised and guided diving for certified divers,
- rental of diving equipment.

3.2

client

individual or group entering into a contract with a service provider for services for his or their own use

3.3 diving equipment

equipment consisting of the following items:

- fins,
- mask,
- snorkel,
- demand regulator (also referred to as a regulator),
- alternative breathing gas system,

NOTE This could range from a simple octopus system to a duplicate breathing system with a separate breathing gas supply.

- cylinder,
- cylinder-support-system,
- buoyancy compensator,
- a quick release weight system (if appropriate),
- submersible pressure gauge (breathing gas pressure monitor),
- means to measure depth and time and to safely limit exposure to inert gas,
- diving suit (if appropriate).

NOTE Specific environments may require additional equipment (e.g. an underwater navigational aid, knife/cutting device).

3.4 confined water

swimming pool with a depth appropriate to the activity or body of water that offers similar conditions with regard to visibility, depth, water movement and access

3.5 open water

body of water significantly larger than a swimming pool offering conditions typical of a natural body of water encountered in the region

3.6 scuba instructor

individual qualified in accordance with EN 14413-1 or EN 14413-2 respectively

3.7 dive leader

individual qualified in accordance with EN 14153-3

3.8 organised dive

service offered by a service provider where divers already at a qualification and experience level suitable for the diving activity are taken to a dive site

3.9 guided dive

organised dive where clients are also accompanied underwater by an individual appointed by the service provider

**3.10
risk assessment**

identification of hazards and who may be harmed by them

4 Common requirements

4.1 General

NOTE The following requirements apply to all services laid down in clauses 5 and 6 regardless of the specific kind of service.

4.2 Information to be provided

4.2.1 Information prior to provision of the service

The service provider shall provide the following information to the client.

- contractual issues including conditions bearing on the signature, delivery and termination of the contract,
- prerequisites and any qualification requirements in order to obtain the service (e.g. medical certification, diver certifications),
- equipment requirements,
- costs,
- insurance requirements in accordance with national regulations,
- local environmental considerations,
- diving related legislation and legal requirements concerned with the specific kind of service.

If the service provided involves training the following additional information shall be provided:

- limitations of eventual qualification,
- scope of the training course,
- course procedures,
- means and methods for assessment, criteria for successful completion,
- that records will be kept of their personal data and these records may be passed on to a training organisation.

In the case of guided dives or organised dives the following additional information shall be provided:

- information concerning the dive site, in particular hazards which could affect the safety of the dive (e.g. underwater obstructions),
- arrangements concerning buddy teams and/or group size,
- depth and/or time limitations.

4.2.2 Information during service provision

Prior to each dive or training session, clients shall have safety provisions identified to them, including:

- the identity and role of staff,
- emergency procedures,
- buddy/group assignments
- the conduct required of clients.

4.3 Risk Assessment

The service provider shall ensure that a risk assessment is conducted before each dive, and shall adopt procedures to ensure that all risks are controlled as far as is reasonably possible. The following factors shall be considered as part of this assessment taking into account the capability of participants:

- water movement (e.g. current, wave action)
- depth,
- underwater visibility,
- pollution,
- entry/exit methods,
- restricted zones,
- suitability of the site for planned activities,
- emergency action plan.

The service provider shall have the right to prevent any client from taking part in the activity if following a risk assessment this is deemed to be in the best interest of the client and/or of other clients.

4.4 Emergency equipment and procedures

4.4.1 Emergency equipment

For all locations where diving activities take place the service provider shall ensure the availability of:

- a first aid kit suitable for the planned diving activities,
- an emergency oxygen unit with a capacity of delivering at least 15 litres/min. of pure oxygen for at least 20 min,
- a communication system suitable for alerting emergency services.

4.4.2 Emergency procedures

At each dive site where diving activities take place a documented emergency plan comprising at least the following information shall be available:

- procedures for casualty recovery, resuscitation and evacuation,
- use of the emergency oxygen supply,
- information about the nearest medical resources (including data about the availability of a hyperbaric recompression chamber).

4.5 Diving Equipment

Individuals instructing during open water dives or leading dives on behalf of the service provider shall at least be equipped with the diving equipment listed in clause 3.4.

If equipment is provided to the client for use in training, guided or organised diving, this shall be considered a separate service and thus clause 7 shall apply.

4.6 Documentation

4.6.1 Staff

The service provider shall maintain documentation on all individuals delivering services as follows:

- name, address and date of birth,
- training/certification, experience and medical certification,
- duties assigned to the individual staff member.

The service provider shall have documentary evidence that all staff members hold relevant and current qualifications for their duties. Proof of qualifications shall be made available to the clients upon request.

4.6.2 Clients

In the case of training services, the service provider shall ensure that appropriate records are maintained during the course as follows:

- name, address and date of birth,
- medical certification,
- any previous training/certification, experience
- the progress of the student.

The service provider shall ensure that records of certifications are kept.

5 Training and education

5.1 General requirements

The service provider shall ensure that each individual client fulfils the prerequisites for taking part in the training course envisaged.

The service provider shall ensure that the size of the class, and the proficiency of the members of each buddy team or group of divers, is appropriate to enable all diving activities to be carried out safely.

5.2 Training locations

5.2.1 Theory teaching facilities

Theory teaching shall be conducted in an environment that is free from significant distractions to learning, such as a dedicated classroom. This shall provide clients with sufficient working facilities and training aids (e.g. writing surfaces, reference materials, computer, visual or audio materials) to ensure that clients are able to understand the information being presented.

5.2.2 Dive sites

The service provider shall use training sites for confined water training and/or open water training that are representative of the local environment.

5.3 Staff

The service provider shall assign the duties of all personnel involved in training activities.

The training of recreational scuba divers up to level 3 in accordance with EN 14153-1, -2 and -3 shall be conducted by a level 2 scuba instructor or, alternatively, for training activities listed in EN 14413-1:2004, clause 4, by a level 1 scuba instructor and supervised as indicated in EN 14413-1:2004, clause 4.

Service providers shall appoint an experienced level 2 scuba instructor who shall have overall responsibility for all diver training and education. This scuba instructor shall have sufficient knowledge of the procedures and working processes of the service provider to be able to organise diver training and education.

Training courses involving more demanding operational parameters not covered by the scuba instructor's qualifications or experience such as:

- night dives,
- limited visibility dives,
- deep dives,
- wreck dives,
- dry suit dives,
- drift dives,
- ice dives,
- cave dives

shall only be conducted by level 2 scuba instructors who have relevant additional qualifications.

Service providers may use dive leaders to help control clients and improve safety but not to assess or to teach any skills or knowledge to clients.

6 Organised and guided diving for certified divers

6.1 Provision of services to groups

A group may include scuba instructors or dive leaders who may take on some or all of the duties of providing proper briefing and supervision of members of the group in accordance with this European Standard. Any such arrangement between the service provider and the group shall be agreed in advance of any underwater activities by both parties.

6.2 Organised dive

In order to be entitled to purchase the service of an organised dive each individual client shall have at least scuba diver level 2 certification in accordance with EN 14153-2. The certification and each client's personal dive log shall be checked by the service provider prior to the dive.

Organised dives which require specific qualifications, e.g. night diving, wreck diving etc. may only be carried out if each individual client has appropriate qualifications (speciality certification) or equivalent logged experience.

An individual of at least dive leader qualification shall be present at the dive site and in overall control of diving activities.

6.3 Guided dive

The service provider shall provide a safety briefing, conduct a risk assessment, assign buddies, identify operational parameters and ensure an emergency support procedure is in place.

In order to be entitled to purchase the service of a guided dive each individual client shall be certified at least at level 1 scuba diver in accordance with EN 14153-1. The certification and each client's personal dive log shall be checked by the service provider prior to the dive.

Guided dives which require specific qualification, e.g. night diving, wreck diving etc. may only be carried out if each individual client has appropriate qualifications (speciality certification) or equivalent logged experience.

An individual of at least dive leader qualification shall provide underwater leadership.

Guided dives requiring specific qualifications or equivalent experience, for which each individual client cannot provide proof of such qualifications or experience, shall be considered to be training dives and clause 5 shall apply.

6.4 Locations

The service provider shall ensure that the person in charge of the dive has knowledge and understanding of the features and hazards of the intended diving locality. The person in charge shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that the site at which the diving is to be carried out is suitable for the divers and the envisaged activity.

6.5 Staff

The contracted services in the framework of guided dives or organised dives shall be provided by an individual of at least dive leader qualification.

If a dive requires specific skills beyond the qualifications of a dive leader, the individual leading the dive shall be able to provide proof that they have received relevant specialised training or have equivalent experience.

7 Rental of diving equipment

7.1 Service

The service comprises rental of any items of diving equipment in accordance with 3.4 to clients who may use such equipment both for supervised and unsupervised diving activities.

The service provider shall ensure that clients are advised on choosing the proper diving equipment taking into account the envisaged diving activity and the qualification and needs of the clients (e.g. the proper fit of buoyancy control devices and suits).

Diving equipment rented to clients shall be subjected to an inspection by the service provider prior to delivery in order to ascertain that it is fully operational.

Clients renting equipment shall be informed that use of the equipment requires specific training.

NOTE For the rental of all diving equipment listed in 3.4, with the exception of mask, fins, snorkel and wet suit, it is recommended that the service provider ensures that each individual client meets one of the following criteria:

— has a certificate of qualification of at least level 2 in accordance with EN 14153-2; or

- has a certificate of qualification of level 1 in accordance with EN 14153-1 and is under the supervision of a diver of at least level 3 in accordance with EN 14153-3; or
- if unqualified, is under the supervision of an instructor at level 2 in accordance with EN 14413-2.

7.2 Diving equipment

Diving equipment rented to clients shall conform to the relevant European Standards.

Diving equipment rented to clients shall be subjected to an inspection by the service provider prior to delivery in order to ascertain that it is fully operational. Diving equipment shall be maintained and serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, and records of maintenance, servicing and inspection shall be kept.

7.3 Staff

The service provider shall ensure that their staff understand the characteristics and function of the diving equipment rented to clients. Staff shall be competent to advise clients about the proper fit and use of the diving equipment in specific diving activities.

Annex A
(informative)

A–deviations

A-deviation: National deviation due to regulations, the alteration of which is for the time being outside the competence of the CEN/ CENELEC member.

European Standard not under any EU Directive

This European Standard does not fall under any Directive of the EU. In the relevant CEN/ CENELEC countries these A- deviations are valid instead of the provisions of the European Standard until they have been removed.

Clause Deviation

<p>1</p>	<p>France Decree N 2002-1269 of October 18, 2002 passed for the application of article 43 of the amended law N 84-610 of July 16, 1984 relative to the organisation and promotion of physical and sports activities</p> <p>It is pointed out that the activity of a scuba instructor is regulated by the above decree and is thus subject to endorsement by the relevant authorities in France.</p> <p>Moreover, this French decree is strengthened by its recognition at European level for the scuba instructors: a permanent European derogation was granted to France by a Commission Decision (MARKT/D4/8339/2000-EN) dated 2000-07-25.</p>
<p>4.3.1</p>	<p>France (Order of August 28, 2000, OGFR of September 6, 2000 RELATIVE TO THE TECHNICAL AND SAFETY RULES IN ESTABLISHMENTS ORGANISING THE PRACTICE AND TEACHING OF AIR SCUBA DIVING AS SPORTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES NOR : MJSK9870068A)</p> <p>Title 3 : Assistance and emergency equipment Art. 8 : Those performing the dive have at their disposal, at the dive location, the following emergency equipment: - a means of communication enabling the rescue (emergency) services to be alerted; - a first-aid kit, the minimum content of which is defined in annex IV of this Order; - potable non sparkling fresh water; - a self-filling reservoir with unidirectional valve together with a reserve oxygen bag; - an inflated cylinder of oxygen of sufficient capacity in order to allow, in event of an accident, treatment adapted to the dive, together with a pressure reducer and a hose for coupling up to the self-filling reservoir with unidirectional valve; - a spare cylinder of air equipped with its pressure reducer; - a thermal sheet; - a means for indicating, from the water surface, to a diver underwater to resurface, where the diving is performed in a natural environment, this indication originating from the support boat; as well as possibly a suction unit. They have in addition the following assistance equipment: - a notepad; - a set of tables allowing to check or recalculate the resurfacing procedures of the dives performed beyond shallow water The divers' nautical equipment and accessories conform to current regulations and are correctly maintained.</p> <p>ANNEX IV CONTENT OF THE FIRST AID KIT The first aid kit comprises at least : - ready-prepared compressive dressings (large and small models : 1 box of each); - a local antiseptic of quaternary Ammonium type (1 tube); - an antflash cream (1 tube); - a 5 cm wide Velpeau type compressive bandage - non-effervescent powdered aspirin</p>

4.4, 1 st para	<p>France (Order of August 28, 2000, OGFR of September 6, 2000 RELATIVE TO THE TECHNICAL AND SAFETY RULES IN ESTABLISHMENTS ORGANISING THE PRACTICE AND TEACHING OF AIR SCUBA DIVING AS SPORTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES NOR : MJSK9870068A)</p> <p>In a natural environment, the dive leader is outfitted with diving equipment fitted with two independent outlets and with two complete regulators.</p>																																			
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He ensures that the rules defined by this Order are applied.</p> <p>Art. 4 : The diving director in a natural environment possesses at least :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - supervision level 3. - or diving level 5, only in the case of underwater tours <p>ANNEX I PRACTICE (PROFICIENCY) LEVELS AND EQUIVALENCES OF PREROGATIVES</p> <p>This annex concerns the proficiency levels of divers and equivalences of prerogatives between the different divers' certificates issued by the FFESSM (Fédération Française d'études et de sports sous-marins) and the FSGT (Fédération sportive et gymnastique du travail), the level attestations issued by the other legitimate member bodies of the Advisory Committee for the sports teaching of scuba diving and the CMAS (Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques) certificates.</p> <p>The level attestations and certificates must justify that their holders have provided proof of a technical level at least equivalent to that of the certificates of the same level of the FFESSM (Fédération Française d'études et de sports sous-marins) and organised under similar certification and jury conditions.</p> <p>Instructors who hold supervision level 3, who are members of one of the legitimate member bodies of the Advisory Committee, may establish a certificate of skills on completion of one or more assessment dives organised in accordance with this Order. This certificate remains the property of the monitor; it is not handed over to the diver and is only valid within the framework of the establishment having issued it. 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participants.
 The supervision of the diver's group is conducted by a dive leader who holds the qualifications mentioned in annex II of this Order and in accordance with the practice conditions defined in annex III.
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 Instructors who hold supervision level 3, who are members of one of the legitimate member bodies of the Advisory Committee, may establish a certificate of skills on completion of one or more assessment dives organised in accordance with this Order. This certificate remains the property of the monitor; it is not handed over to the diver and is only valid within the framework of the establishment having issued it. Divers covered by this certificate obtain prerogatives identical to those which are referenced in the table figuring in this annex without exceeding those of level 3 (P3).

Prerogative level of divers	CERTIFICATES				LEVEL ATTESTATION
	FFESSM Fédération française d'études et de sports sous-marins	CMAS Fédération mondiale des activités subaquatiques	FSGT Fédération sportive et gymnique du travail	ANMP Association nationale des moniteurs de plongée	
Level 1 P1	N1 diver	1 star diver	N1 diver	Diver	Diver
Level 2 P2	N2 diver	2 star diver	N2 diver	Team member	Confirmed diver
Level 3 P3	N3 diver	3 star diver	N3 diver	Unsupervised	Unsupervised diver
Level 4 P4	N4 diver	3 star diver (*)	Dive leader	Dive leader	Dive leader
Level 5 P5	Qualification of Diving Director		Qualification of Diving Director (**)		Diving Director (**)

IIIb	CONDITIONS OF PRACTICE OF DIVING IN A NATURAL ENVIRONMENT "UNDERWATER TOURS CONTEXT"		
Diving depths	Levels of prerogatives of divers	Minimum competence of the dive leader	Maximum number (of persons) of diver's group, excluding dive leader
Shallow water 0 – 6 metres	Beginner	P4	4 + 1 P4 possibly
Medium range (*) 6 – 20 metres	Beginner at end of training	P4	4 + 1 P4 possibly
	Level P1	P4	4 + 1 P4 possibly
	Level P1	On surface : E3 + P4 when unsupervised within the 10 metre depth	5 teams
	Level P2	Unsupervised	3
Deep diving (*) 20-40 metres	Level P2	P4	4
Beyond 40 metres and within the limit of 60 metres	Level P3, P4, P5	Unsupervised	3

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- EN 250 Respiratory equipment - Open-circuit self-contained compressed air diving apparatus - Requirements, testing, marking
- EN 1809 Diving accessories - Buoyancy compensators - Functional and safety requirements, test methods
- EN 1972 Diving accessories - Snorkels - Safety requirements and test methods
- EN 12021 Respiratory protective devices - Compressed air for breathing apparatus
- EN 12628 Diving accessories - Combined buoyancy and rescue devices - Functional and safety requirements, test methods
- EN 13319 Diving accessories - Depth gauges and combined depth and time measuring devices - Functional and safety requirements, test methods
- EN 13949 Respiratory equipment - Open-circuit self-contained diving apparatus for use with compressed Nitrox and oxygen- Requirements, testing, marking
- EN 14143 Respiratory protective devices - Self-contained re-breathing diving apparatus - Requirements, testing, marking
- EN 14225-1 Diving suits - Part 1: Wet suits, requirements and test methods
- EN 14225-2 Diving suits - Part 2: Dry suits, requirements and test methods
- EN 14225-3 Diving suits - Part 3: Actively heated or cooled suit (Systems) - Requirements and test methods
- EN 14225-4 Diving suits - Part 4: One atmosphere diving suit - Human factors requirements and test methods
- EN 13138-1 Buoyant aids for swimming instruction - Part 1: Buoyant aids to be worn - Safety requirements and test methods
- EN 13138-2 Buoyant aids for swimming instruction - Part 2: Safety requirements and test methods for bouyant aids to be held