## **SAFEGUARDS**

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## ISO 10874:2009: CLASSIFICATION OF FLOOR COVERINGS

Published in January 2010, this International Standard establishes a classification system for resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings. The classification is based on practical requirements for areas of use and intensity of use and is linked to the requirements specified in the relevant International Standard for each type of floor covering.

The standard uses a system of pictograms to indicate the classification according to intended use.

For example:



A single person and a domestic dwelling for light or moderate use.



A couple and a domestic dwelling for medium use.

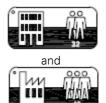


A family and a domestic dwelling for general use.

For floor coverings which are expected to withstand heavy usage, the symbol has a group of adults as shown below:



Similar pictograms are used for commercial properties and industrial properties, the pictograms in this case using images of an office or a factory as with the examples below:



SGS laboratories in many locations can assess floor coverings in accordance with this standard.
Contact us for more information.

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