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products, including tables of their key parameters and elements. It applies to the sun protection factor (SPF) of a sun-screen and the ultraviolet A (UVA) protection. Both in vivo and in vitro methods are included.

“Assessing the efficacy of sun-screen products is recognized as an important public health issue,” says Prof. Philippe Masson, Convener of the working group that developed the report. “Until now the plethora of methods used to determine the level of protection provided by sun protection products has made comparisons both difficult and time-consuming. Thanks to ISO/TR 26369:2009, users are now able to compare methods quickly and easily, from just one document.”

ISO/TR 26369:2009 will serve as a technical/scientific framework in order to help identify the most suitable methods for standardization. It will be part of a series of standards which will address sun protection test methods.

ISO/TR 26369:2009, was developed by ISO technical committee ISO/TC 217, *Cosmetics*, and is available from ISO national member institutes. It may also be obtained directly from the ISO Central Secretariat through the ISO Store ([www.iso.org/isostore](http://www.iso.org/isostore)) or by contacting the Marketing, Communication and Information department ([sales@iso.org](mailto:sales@iso.org)). ■

## ISO standard to ensure safe operation of hedge trimmers

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**A** new ISO standard will help to eliminate or reduce the safety risks associated with the use of hedge trimmers.

ISO 10517:2009, *Powered hand-held hedge trimmers – Safety*, applies to the design and construction of single operator hand-held hedge trimmers with integrally driven petrol combustion engines. The standard outlines safety requirements and provides guidelines for verifying their correct application, taking into consideration all the significant hazards, dangerous situations and events that may arise when used as intended.

In addition, the standard specifies what type of information manufacturers should provide to ensure safe operation of the product, including warnings and markings.

Ken Goodman, Project Editor of ISO 10517:2009 says, “This new edition of the standard replaces the original ISO 10517:1993, with a fully revised document. The standard now features noise and vibration requirements, as well as a table listing the most significant risks. The European Committee for Standardization (CEN) has already adopted the standard as EN ISO 10517.”

“This new standard will provide up-to-date valuable guidance to manufacturers and retailers of hedge trimmers worldwide. Compliance with this standard will protect their customers and reassure them of the safety of their products,” concluded Mr. Goodman.

ISO 10517:2009, *Powered hand-held hedge trimmers – Safety*, was developed by ISO technical committee ISO/TC 23, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry*, subcommittee SC 13, *Powered law and garden equipment*, and is available from ISO national member institutes. It may also be obtained directly from the ISO Central Secretariat through the ISO Store ([www.iso.org/isostore](http://www.iso.org/isostore)) or by contacting the Marketing, Communication and Information department ([sales@iso.org](mailto:sales@iso.org)). ■

