



**The following statement has been authorised by the
Solicitors Office of the Health and Safety Executive**

"In our (HSE's) technical judgement, we cannot accept the Tortus instrument or instruments using the same principle of test as a basis for a standard test method for assessing the slip resistance of floors in water wet or similarly contaminated conditions. We have reached this decision after consideration of experimental evidence, some of which has been available since 1988, from UK, French, and German sources. We further believe that the use of the Tortus could lead to unsuitable floors being classified as acceptable."

**The above statement was written by Mr. F.J. Rowland, Senior Scientific Officer
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