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Fire safety engineering - Selection of design fire scenarios and design fires - Part 2: Design fires

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