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## Foreword

This document (EN 15457:2014) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 139 “Paints and varnishes”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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## Introduction

This document identifies criteria to assess efficacy of film preservatives in a coating against fungi. The results of the method allow evaluation of an active substance with regard to its inclusion in Annex I of the Biocidal Products Directive 98/8/EC (Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market – BPD) or in the list of the Biocidal Product Regulation (BPR, Regulation (EU) 528/2012).

The characteristics of the biocide treated coating material should conform to national regulations with regard to health, safety and the environment.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a laboratory test method for determining the biocidal/biostatic efficacy of single active substances or combinations thereof used in film preservatives in a coating against fungal growth. This standard does not apply to coatings not susceptible to fungal growth. The test method comprises only active substances for film preservation, not the protection of the substrate itself, e.g. wood, which is dealt with in another standard. The test method is applicable for active substances used for wood and masonry coatings. It is not applicable to marine coatings.

Safety, health and environmental aspects are not in the scope of this standard.

Determination of the performance of film preservatives in coatings by applying ageing procedures is not within the scope of this standard.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 12469, *Biotechnology - Performance criteria for microbiological safety cabinets*

EN 16492:2014, *Paints and varnishes - Evaluation of the surface disfigurement caused by fungi and algae on coatings*

EN 23270, *Paints and varnishes and their raw materials - Temperatures and humidities for conditioning and testing (ISO 3270)*

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EN ISO 1513, *Paints and varnishes - Examination and preparation of test samples (ISO 1513)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following term and definition applies.

### 3.1

#### **active substance**

substance or micro-organism that has an action on or against harmful organisms

[SOURCE: Biocidal Product Regulation (BPR, Regulation (EU) 528/2012), Article 3.1 (c), modified – the article "a" between "or" and "micro-organism" was deleted]

## 4 Principle

To determine the fungicidal efficacy of film preservatives in a coating, the coating material is applied to a substrate conditioned according to EN 23270, placed onto an agar surface, inoculated with a standard fungal spore suspension and incubated. Conclusions can be drawn to the fungicidal efficacy of the film preservatives in a coating from the intensity of the fungal growth on the surface of the specimen after incubation. The method described here is a semiquantitative, comparative method between coatings, with and without film preservatives.

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## 5 Apparatus and materials

- 5.1 **Cutting device** for preparing the specimens (coated filter paper with a diameter of 55 mm).
- 5.2 **Autoclave**
- 5.3 **Incubator** capable of maintaining  $(24 \pm 2)$  °C.
- 5.4 **Pipette**, in the range between 100 µl to 1 000 µl, with sterile tips or combi-tips of 12,5 ml.
- 5.5 **Filter paper** without fungicidal effect (e.g. cellulose with a pore size of 0,45 µm and a thickness of 650 µm).
- 5.6 **Automatic welding apparatus** to seal the bags.
- 5.7 **Sterilized glass bottles** (100 ml).
- 5.8 **Laboratory balance**, capable of weighing to an accuracy of 0,1 g.
- 5.9 **Microscope**
- 5.10 **Device to determine cell count** (commercially available counting chamber, e.g. Thoma chamber).
- 5.11 **Wetting agent** (e.g. N-Methyltaurine).
- 5.12 **Device for applying the coating**
- 5.13 **Sterilized test tubes** or **other sterilized glassware** for preparing slant agar cultures.
- 5.14 **Sterile Drigalski spatula**
- 5.15 **Sterile platinum loop**
- 5.16 **Sterile glass funnel with cotton wool**
- 5.17 **Sterile Petri dishes** (with a diameter of 94 mm, and a height of 16 mm).
- 5.18 **Sterile tweezers**
- 5.19 **Sterile water**
- 5.20 **Class 2 microbiological safety cabinet** according to EN 12469.

## 6 Fungi

### 6.1 Fungi more likely to grow in an exterior environment

- a) *Aureobasidium pullulans* (DSM<sup>1</sup>) 2404)
- b) *Alternaria alternata* (DSM 62010)

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<sup>1</sup>) DSM = DSMZ = Deutsche Sammlung für Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen (German collection of micro organisms and cell cultures), Braunschweig, Germany.



- c) *Cladosporium cladosporioides* (DSM 62121)
- d) *Phoma violaceae* (IMI<sup>2)</sup> 49948ii)
- e) *Ulocladium atrum* (IMI 79906 or DSMZ 63068)

## 6.2 Fungi more likely to grow in an interior environment

- a) *Aspergillus versicolor* (DSM 1943)
- b) *Aspergillus niger* (DSM 12634)
- c) *Stachybotrys chartarum* (DSMZ 2144)
- d) *Penicillium purpurogenum* (DSM 62866)
- e) *Rhodotorula mucilaginosa* (DSM 70825)

The spore suspension used for the test shall be a mixture containing two fungi selected from the first group (6.1) and two fungi selected from the second group (6.2).

## 7 Sampling and preparation of test samples and of specimens

### 7.1 Sampling

Take a representative sample of the coating material or of the coating system for testing in accordance with EN ISO 1513.

### 7.2 Preparation of test samples (see Annex A)

Coat a strip of filter paper without biocidal effect with the coating material to be tested. The application rate shall be that recommended by the coating manufacturer for normal use.

### 7.3 Conditioning of the test samples

Condition the test sample in a horizontal position for at least 5 days at  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C and  $(50 \pm 5)$  % relative humidity, in accordance with EN 23270.

NOTE The conditioning time might vary according to the coating material and end use corresponding to information given by the manufacturer.

### 7.4 Preparation and number of specimens

After conditioning, three specimens each with a diameter of 55 mm shall be prepared from the test samples. The specimens shall be sealed in a plastics bag and sterilized using gamma radiation of  $\geq 10$  kGy. Other methods of sterilization may be agreed between the parties.

For each test series three specimens coated with coating material containing the film preservative, three specimens coated with the same coating material without film preservative and three specimens of the uncoated substrate shall be tested.

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2) IMI = CABI = Bioscience Genetic Resource Collection, Egham, UK.