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Foreword

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Introduction

This European Standard was developed under the remit of Mandate M/366 “Development of horizontal standardized assessment methods for harmonised approaches relating to dangerous substances under the Construction Products Regulation (CPR)” addressing the preparation of horizontal measurement/test methods for the determination of emission of regulated dangerous substances from construction products into indoor air. This mandate is a complement to the product mandates granted by the European Commission to CEN under the Construction Products Regulation. The harmonized products standards (hEN) developed in CEN under mandates from the European Commission specify construction product(s) as put on the market and address their intended conditions of use.

Details of relevant European or national regulations are available in the “TRIS database” [1].

This European Standard has gone through a robustness validation for identifying how small changes in specific testing parameters can influence the test result. This study also delivered data on repeatability within one testing laboratory (see Annex A) and has since been expanded to include reproducibility data from further round robin tests between different laboratories (see Annex A).

The responsibility for product specification lies with the product TCs, as described in CEN/TR 16496. This determination of emission into indoor air is to be carried out on products under their intended conditions of use. The intended use of a construction product is generally specified in the corresponding harmonized product standard. The specific emission rates determined using this European Standard are associated with application of the product in a defined European Reference Room under specified climate (temperature and humidity) and ventilation conditions. The reference room is needed since it is not possible to evaluate emissions in all possible use scenarios.

The reference room dimensions, associated product loading factors, as well as climate and ventilation conditions are selected to represent the general indoor environment (see Clause 4). Based on the huge amount of available European experience, it was possible to identify one emission scenario and one reference room and associated set of product loading factors to be used.

This European Standard specifies the horizontal reference method for testing the emission (release) of dangerous substances from construction products into indoor air. This method uses a test chamber in which emissions are generated under conditions which are kept constant during the test. These conditions are selected so that the test results can be expressed in terms of concentrations of dangerous substances in the air of the reference room (see Clause 7 and Clause 9). It should be noted that the test chamber is defined in terms of performance requirements. This responds to the requirement of Mandate M/366 for a horizontal approach while maintaining sufficient flexibility on chamber dimensions to ensure representative samples of different materials can be accommodated (see Clause 5). Clause 8 of this European Standard specifies how emitted regulated dangerous substances should be analysed.

This European Standard also addresses separately (see Clause 11 and Annex B) indirect methods that provide a result that is comparable or that correlates with the result of the reference method within their specified field of application. Such methods may be easier and/or cheaper to apply. They are in accordance with mandate M/366 provided that their comparability or correlation to the reference test method has been demonstrated in their specific field of application. They are especially suitable for Factory Production Control testing (FPC).

The selection of one emission scenario and one reference room for evaluating emissions to indoor air is in general accordance with the approach taken in existing European national regulations and voluntary schemes relating to emissions from construction products into indoor air. It also accords with the horizontal requirements of mandate M/366. The aim of this European Standard is not to develop a new testing method but to combine by normative references the use of existing standards. This approach is complemented, when necessary, with additional and/or modified requirements to ensure all construction products are evaluated under comparable conditions as required by the horizontal concept specified in mandate M/366.

In summary, the horizontal test method specified in this European Standard determines the specific emission rate of volatile organic compounds from a construction product into indoor air. This can be converted into a concentration in the air of the reference room by calculation.

This European Standard has not been evaluated for the determination of 'steady-state' concentration of formaldehyde.

NOTE A European Standard (EN 717–1) exists for the determination of formaldehyde emissions from wood-based panels, in terms of 'steady-state' concentrations.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a horizontal reference method for the determination of emissions of regulated dangerous substances from construction products into indoor air. This method is applicable to volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds, and volatile aldehydes. It is based on the use of a test chamber and subsequent analysis of the organic compounds by GC-MS or HPLC.

NOTE 1 Supplemental information is given on indirect test methods (see Annex B) and on measuring very volatile organic compounds (see Annex C).

NOTE 2 This European Standard describes the overall procedure and makes use of existing standards mainly by normative reference, complemented when necessary with additional or modified normative requirements.

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.

CEN/TR 16220:2011, *Construction products — Assessment of release of dangerous substances — Complement to sampling*

CEN/TR 16496, *Construction Products — Assessment of release of dangerous substances — Use of harmonised horizontal assessment methods*

EN 16687, *Construction products — Assessment of release of dangerous substances — Terminology*

EN ISO 13137, *Workplace atmospheres — Pumps for personal sampling of chemical and biological agents — Requirements and test methods (ISO 13137)*

EN ISO 16000-9:2006, *Indoor air — Part 9: Determination of the emission of volatile organic compounds from building products and furnishing — Emission test chamber method (ISO 16000-9:2006)*

EN ISO 16000-11:2006, *Indoor air — Part 11: Determination of the emission of volatile organic compounds from building products and furnishing — Sampling, storage of samples and preparation of test specimens (ISO 16000-11:2006)*

EN ISO 16017-1, *Indoor, ambient and workplace air — Sampling and analysis of volatile organic compounds by sorbent tube/thermal desorption/capillary gas chromatography — Part 1: Pumped sampling (ISO 16017-1)*

ISO 554, *Standard atmospheres for conditioning and/or testing — Specifications*

ISO 16000-3, *Indoor air — Part 3: Determination of formaldehyde and other carbonyl compounds in indoor air and test chamber air — Active sampling method*

ISO 16000-6, *Indoor air — Part 6: Determination of volatile organic compounds in indoor and test chamber air by active sampling on Tenax TA sorbent, thermal desorption and gas chromatography using MS or MS-FID*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 16687 and the following apply. In the event of any conflict between the definitions of terms in the cited normative reference documents and those in EN 16687 or in this document, the definitions given in EN 16687 and this document shall have precedence.

NOTE Several of the defined terms on product sampling are closely related, which is also depicted in Figure 1. This figure and the relevant definitions are taken from CEN/TR 16220:2011.

3.1 Terms relating to sampling and products

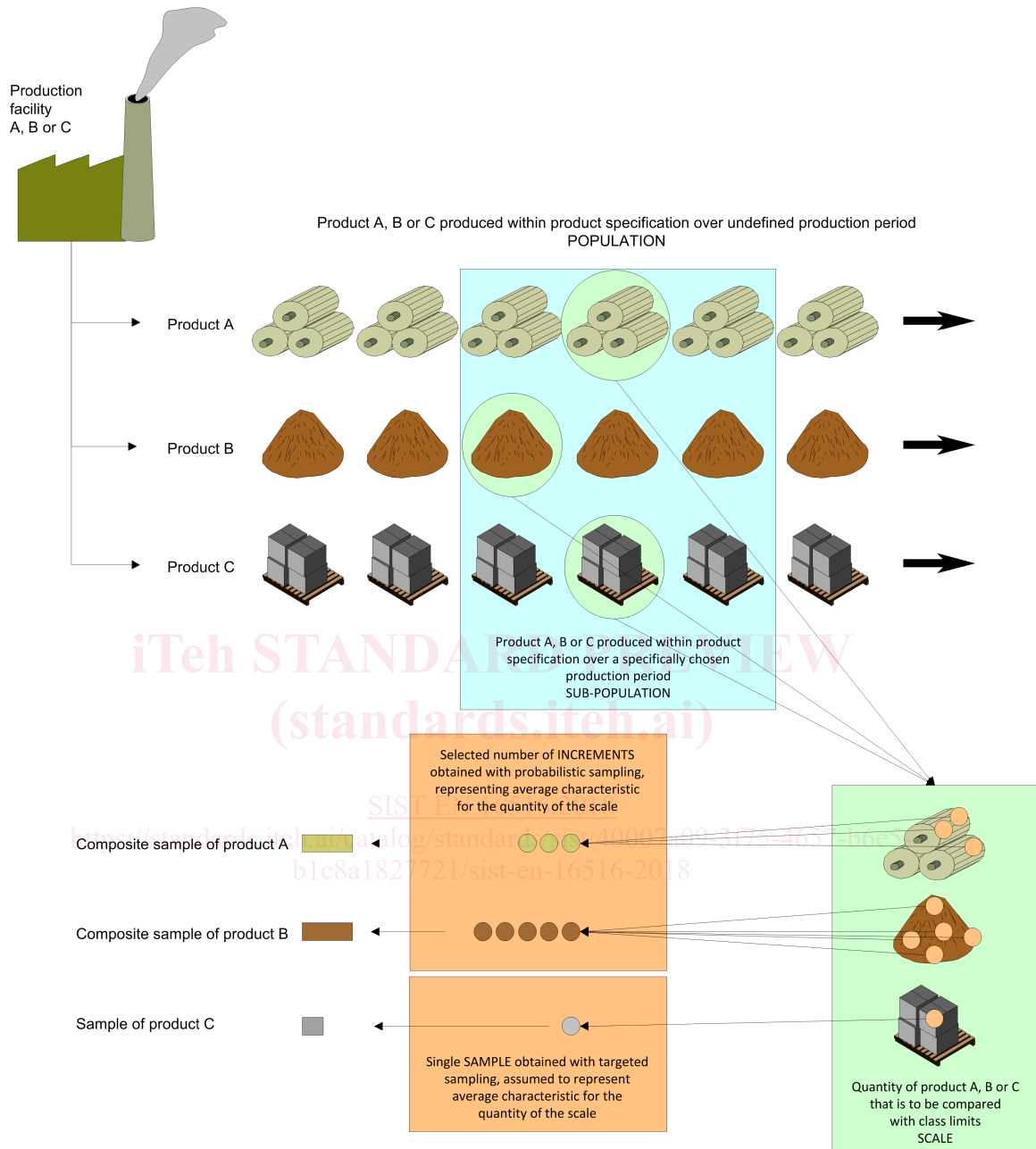


Figure 1 — Relation between the key terms of product sampling

3.1.1

composite sample

average sample, aggregated sample

sample that consists of two or more increments, put together in appropriate portions, from which the mean value of a desired characteristic may be obtained

[SOURCE: adapted from ISO 11074:2005, 4.3.3]

3.1.2

curing

hardening of freshly prepared mixtures under well-defined conditions (time, temperature, humidity, etc.) specified in harmonised product standards

prEN 16516:2015 (E)**3.1.3****curing time**

minimal time defined necessary for curing before an emission test can be executed to obtain test results that are relevant to in use conditions

3.1.4**increment**

individual portion of product collected by a single operation

[SOURCE: adapted from ISO 11074:2005, 4.1.8 as in CEN/TR 16220:2011, 2.4.5]

3.1.5**laboratory sample**

sample or sub-sample(s) sent to or received by the laboratory

Note 1 to entry: The laboratory sample is the final sample from the point of view of sample collection but it is the initial sample from the point of view of the laboratory.

[SOURCE: IUPAC, 2.5.5]

3.1.6**population**

totality of products under consideration

[SOURCE: adapted from ISO 11074:2005, 4.1.11 as in CEN/TR 16220:2011, 2.4.3]

3.1.7**sample**

representative portion of product or material selected from a larger quantity of product or material

[SOURCE: IUPAC, 2.1.1]

3.1.8**sampling plan**

predetermined procedure for the selection, withdrawal, preservation and transportation of product samples

[SOURCE: CEN/TR 16220:2011, 2.3]

3.1.9**scale**

minimum quantity (mass, volume or units) of the product for which representative test results can be obtained

[SOURCE: CEN/TR 16220:2011, 2.4.4]

3.1.10**sub-population**

defined part of the population that is targeted for the purposes of testing

[SOURCE: adapted from ISO 11074:2005, 4.1.29 as in CEN/TR 16220:2011, 2.4.3]

3.2 Terms relating to emissions into indoor air and associated laboratory testing**3.2.1****air change rate**

ratio of the volume of air brought into the test chamber per hour and the volume of the empty test chamber

Note 1 to entry: Air change rate is expressed as h^{-1} .

[SOURCE: adapted from EN ISO 16000-9:2006, 3.1]

3.2.2

air flow rate

ventilation rate

air volume entering into the emission test chamber per unit of time

[SOURCE: adapted from EN ISO 16000-9:2006, 3.2]

3.2.3

chamber blank value

test result obtained by carrying out the test procedure in the absence of a test portion/specimen

3.2.4

compound recovery

measured mass concentration of a target volatile organic compound in the air leaving the emission test chamber during a given time period divided by the actual mass concentration of the same target volatile organic compound added to the emission test chamber air in the same time period, expressed in percent

[SOURCE: EN ISO 16000-9:2006, 3.9]

3.2.5

emission

liberation of chemical substances from a construction product into air

3.2.6

emission test chamber

enclosure with controlled operational parameters for the determination of volatile organic compounds emitted from construction products

[SOURCE: adapted from EN ISO 16000-9:2006, 3.6]

3.2.7

emission test chamber concentration

mass concentration of a specific volatile organic compound, VOC, (or group of volatile organic compounds) in test chamber air measured at the emission test chamber outlet

[SOURCE: EN ISO 16000-9:2006, 3.7]

3.2.8

intended conditions of use

conditions that a product is expected to experience during service life and that influence its emission behaviour

3.2.9

mass concentration of the compound in the reference room air

calculated concentration of a specific volatile organic compound (VOC) or group of volatile organic compounds in the reference room

3.2.10

product loading factor

ratio of exposed dimension of the test specimen to the empty test chamber volume

[SOURCE: adapted from EN ISO 16000-9:2006, 3.8]

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3.2.11

reference room

room with specified dimensions, climate and ventilation used as a reference for calculating and reporting product emissions

Note 1 to entry: In this European Standard, a reference room is specified in 4.2.

3.2.12

specific air flow rate **q**

ratio of air change rate and product loading factor

Note 1 to entry: Specific air flow rate can be expressed as the area specific air flow rate q_A , equivalent to ratio of the air flow rate and the surface area of the test specimen in $[m^3/m^2 \cdot h]$, which is equivalent to the expression $[m/h]$.

Note 2 to entry: Specific air flow rates can alternatively be volume specific (q_v expressed in $m^3/(m^3 \cdot h)$), length specific (q_L expressed in $m^3/(m \cdot h)$), mass specific (q_m expressed in $m^3/(kg \cdot h)$), or unit specific (q_u expressed in $m^3/(unit \cdot h)$).

[SOURCE: adapted from EN ISO 16000-9:2006, 3.4]

3.2.13

specific emission rate**SER (emission factor)**

describes the mass of a volatile organic compound emitted per unit of product per unit of time at a given time from the start of the test

Note 1 to entry: This definition is intended to avoid confusion between the terms q (in 3.2.13) and q_x with a subscript (q_A , q_L , q_v , q_m , q_u used for specific air flow rate in EN ISO 16000-9). The specific emission rate can be related to area, length, volume, mass or unit, expressed as SER_A in $\mu g/(m^2 \cdot h)$, SER_L in $\mu g/(m \cdot h)$, SER_v in $\mu g/(m^3 \cdot h)$, SER_m in $\mu g/(kg \cdot h)$, or SER_u expressed in $\mu g/(unit \cdot h)$.

[SOURCE: adapted from EN ISO 16000-9:2006, 3.11]

3.2.14

test portion

quantity or volume removed from the test sample for analysis purposes, generally of known weight, area or volume

[SOURCE: IUPAC, 2.5.7]

3.2.15

test sample

sample, prepared from the laboratory sample from which test portions are removed for testing or for analysis

[SOURCE: IUPAC, 2.5.6]

3.2.16

test specimen

test portion specially prepared for emission testing in an emission test chamber in order to simulate the emission behaviour of the product under intended conditions of use

EXAMPLE In case of floorings the test portion is a defined area of the flooring. The test specimen is prepared from this by covering the edges and the back of the flooring, because these surfaces do not come into contact with the indoor air when the flooring is in normal use.

[SOURCE: adapted from EN ISO 16000-9:2006, 3.13]

3.3 Terms relating to determination of emitted substances

3.3.1

LCI value

Lowest Concentration of Interest

substance-specific value, quoted in terms of mass concentration in the air of the reference room, for health-related evaluation of emission levels from construction products

3.3.2

limit value

numerical limit derived from national, European or contractual provisions

3.3.3

R value

sum of all R_i values obtained during a given test

3.3.4

R_i value

Ratio C_i / LCI_i , where

- C_i is the mass concentration in the air of the reference room
- LCI_i is the LCI value of compound i

3.3.5

semi-volatile organic compound

SVOC

organic compounds which elute after n-hexadecane, on the gas chromatographic column as specified in 8.2.2

Note 1 to entry: All compounds listed in Annex G are considered to be VOCs and not SVOCs even if they elute after n-hexadecane under the specific test conditions.

3.3.6

target compound

compound for which the test result is compared with a compound specific limit value

[SOURCE: adapted from EN ISO 16000-9:2006, 3.12]

3.3.7

total semi-volatile organic compounds

TSVOC

sum of the concentrations of the identified and unidentified semi-volatile organic compounds, as defined in 3.3.6, calculated as specified in 8.2.6

Note 1 to entry: All compounds listed in Annex G are excluded even if they elute after n-hexadecane under the specific test conditions.

[SOURCE: adapted from EN ISO 16000-9:2006, 3.14]

3.3.8

total volatile organic compounds

TVOC

sum of the concentrations of the identified and unidentified volatile organic compounds as defined in 3.3.11, calculated as specified in 8.2.6

Note 1 to entry: All compounds listed in Annex G are included even if they elute after n-hexadecane or before n-hexane under the specific test conditions. [SOURCE: adapted from EN ISO 16000-9:2006, 3.14]