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### Introduction

There is a continuous global growth in production, storage, handling, bulk transport and use of solid biofuels especially in the form of pelletized biofuels.

The handling and storage of solid biofuels and their physical characteristics can lead to a risk for fire and/or explosion, but also health risks, for example intoxication due to exposure to carbon monoxide (CO), asphyxiation due to oxygen depletion, and allergic reactions.

There is a risk of injury or fatality associated with pellet storage so the implementation of safety measures is important. The possibility of fire and explosion incidents is a clear indicator that safety is to be prioritized, first of all for human safety but also because interruptions in energy supply will have significant consequences. The market confidence in solid biofuels as a reliable energy source will be jeopardized, and financial losses due to business interruptions could occur. Difficulty to obtain insurance coverage will also increase.

This document provides support, advice and guidance to facility owners, logistics providers, equipment suppliers/manufacturers, consultants, authorities and insurance providers to assess and mitigate risk when handling and storing solid biofuel pellets. General guidance is provided for personnel safety protection and personal precautions in accordance with generally accepted work safety requirements. As part of the determination and assessment of risks for solid biofuels, applicable quality standards and related test methods are discussed and recommendations for additional methodologies are indicated. As made of living materials, solid biofuels are subject to degradation such as ageing and moisture contamination causing variability in reactivity which requires margins in risks assessments. One shipment of solid biofuels may have substantially different physical and chemical characteristics in terms of self-heating and off-gassing than another, and therefore diligent monitoring, frequent testing and house-keeping are recommended. (standards.iteh.ai)

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# Solid biofuels — Safe handling and storage of solid biofuel pellets in commercial and industrial applications

## 1 Scope

This document provides principles and requirements for safe handling and storage of solid biofuels pellets in commercial and industrial applications. This document is using a risk-based approach to determine what safety measures should be considered.

Facilities with a storage capacity <100 t are covered by ISO 20023. Generally, for end-user facilities with a storage capacity of <1 000 t, ISO 20023 could also be applicable if storage principle and facility complexity is in-line with the objectives of ISO 20023.

This document covers the handling and storage process of pellets in the following applications:

- at a pellet production plant from the outlet of the cooler unit until loaded for transportation;
- at a commercial distributor from the receiving station until loaded for transportation; and
- at an industrial end-user from the receiving station until fed into the fuel preparation or combustion process.

Although unloading and loading of e.g. vessels, trains or trucks are included in the operational envelopes defined above, the safety aspect of the transportation itself is beyond the scope of this document.

This document also gives specific guidance on detection and suppression systems and preparatory measures to enable safe and efficient firefighting operations. Guidance on the management of fire and explosion incidents is also specified.

## 2 Normative references

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ISO 12100, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1 General terms

#### 3.1.1

##### **biofuel pellet**

biofuel made with or without additives in the form of cubiform, polyhedral, polyhydric or cylindrical units with a diameter up to 25 mm, produced by compressing biomass

Note 1 to entry: Usually the biomass has been milled before densification.

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Note 2 to entry: See also non-woody pellet and wood pellet.

[SOURCE: ISO 16559:2014, 4.31]

**3.1.2****combustible dust**

finely divided solid particles, 500 µm or less in nominal size, which may form explosive mixtures with air at standard atmospheric pressure and temperatures

Note 1 to entry: This includes dust and grit as defined in ISO 4225.

Note 2 to entry: The term 'solid particles' is intended to address particles in the solid phase but does not preclude a hollow particle.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 80079-20-2:2016, 3.1]

**3.1.3****combustible flyings**

solid particles, including fibres, where one dimension is greater than 500 µm in nominal size, which may form an explosive mixture with air at standard atmospheric pressure and temperature

Note 1 to entry: The ratio of length to width is 3 or more.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 80079-20-2:2016, 3.2, modified — Note 2 deleted.]

**3.1.4****finer**

small sized particles in fuel below a certain pre-defined size, here less than 3,15 mm

[SOURCE: ISO 16559:2014, 4.90, modified — "usually" replaced by "here" to indicate exact limit.]

**3.1.5****ignition source**

source of energy that initiates combustion

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[SOURCE: ISO 13943:2008, 4.189]

**3.1.6****product safety data sheet**

specification sheet defining physical aspects, characteristics and health and safety data for a product

**3.1.7****self-heating**

exothermic reaction within a material resulting in a rise in temperature in the material

[SOURCE: ISO 4880:1997, 55]

**3.1.8****self-ignition**

ignition resulting from *self-heating* ([3.1.7](#))

[SOURCE: ISO 4880:1997, 56]

**3.1.9****smouldering**

slow combustion of a material without light being visible and generally evidenced by an increase in temperature and/or by smoke

[SOURCE: ISO 4880:1997, 58]

**3.1.10****wood pellet**

biofuel made from woody biomass with or without additives in the form of cubiform, polyhedral, polyhydric or cylindrical units, random length and typically 3,15 mm to 40 mm, a diameter up to 25 mm and with broken ends

Note 1 to entry: The raw material for wood pellets is woody biomass in accordance with Table 1 of ISO 17225-1. Pellets are usually manufactured in a die, with total moisture content usually less than 10 % of their mass wet basis.

Note 2 to entry: The woody biomass used as feedstock for pellet making is milled to size in accordance with customer specification. Determination of the particle size distribution of the constituent of pellets is done by ISO 17830.

[SOURCE: ISO 16559:2014, 4.228]

**3.2 Risk management****3.2.1****accident**

incident resulting in fatality, disease, injury or other damage

[SOURCE: ISO 21101:2014, 3.25]

**3.2.2****emergency**

serious situation requiring immediate action

[SOURCE: ISO/TR 21102:2013, 2.8]

**3.2.3****fail-safe**

term applied to equipment or a system so designed that, in the event of failure or malfunction of any part of the system, devices are automatically activated to stabilize or secure the safety of the operation

[SOURCE: ISO 13628-7:2005, 3.1.49]

**3.2.4****failure mode and effect analysis****FMEA**

analytically derived identification of the conceivable equipment failure modes and the potential adverse effects of those modes on the system and mission

Note 1 to entry: It is primarily used as a design tool for review of critical components.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 16901:2015, 3.11]

**3.2.5****harm**

injury or damage to the health of people or animals or damage to property or the environment

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 51:2014, 3.1, modified — "or animals" added.]

**3.2.6****hazard**

potential source of *harm* (3.2.5)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 51:2014, 3.2]