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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 16559:2014), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- Terms and definitions updated in the whole document and
- [Annex A](#) "Scheme of sample hierarchy" added.

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Introduction

This International Standard has been written in accordance with ISO 10241. This International Standard is based on European standard EN 14588:2010 as well as on approved national standards and manuals. Some of the terms included in this International Standard are only used in particular countries.

In this International Standard instead of the legal definition waste the technical terms residue, and by-product are used to describe co-products from forestry and arboriculture, agriculture and horticulture, and aquaculture as well as related industries. The terms and definitions are harmonized as far as possible with the current language used in management as well as in regulatory activities.

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Solid biofuels — Terminology, definitions and descriptions

1 Scope

This international standard determines the terminology and definitions for solid biofuels. According to the scope of the ISO/TC 238 this standard only includes raw and processed material originating from

- forestry and arboriculture,
- agriculture and horticulture,
- aquaculture.

NOTE 1 Raw and processed material includes woody, herbaceous, fruit and aquatic biomass from the sectors mentioned above.

NOTE 2 Chemically treated material does not include halogenated organic compounds or heavy metals at levels higher than those in typical virgin material values or higher than typical values of the country of origin.

Materials originating from different recycling processes of end-of-life-products are not within the scope but relevant terms are included for information. Areas covered by ISO/TC 28/SC 7 “Liquid biofuels”, ISO/TC 193 “Natural gas” and ISO/TC 300 “Solid recovered fuels” are excluded.

Other standards with a different scope than this International Standard may have different definitions than this standard.

2 Normative references

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There are no normative references in this document.

3 Principle

This International Standard only contains terms used to describe solid biofuels within the scope of ISO/TC 238, see [Figure 1](#).

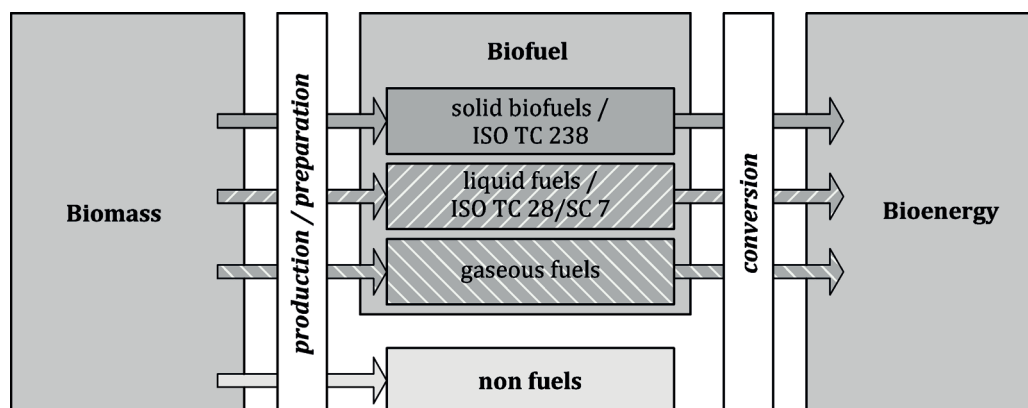


Figure 1 — ISO/TC 238 within the biomass-biofuel-bioenergy field

Solid biofuels are produced from different sources, which are defined within the scope of ISO/TC 238 “Solid Biofuels”. Terms and definitions are categorised in a logical structure based on the fact that solid biofuels are produced from different sources and that solid biofuels are used to produce bioenergy:

- origin and source of solid biofuels in the overall supply chain;
- the different traded forms as well as the different forms of biofuels produced within the preparation processes;
- the most relevant solid biofuel properties and terms of sampling and testing as well as classification and specification;
- the description of the solid biofuels itself as well as their handling and processing given in the same structure as the biomass sources;
- bioenergy as the result of solid biofuel conversion.

Appropriate terms for sampling and testing as well as classification and specification of properties have to be defined and described together with the category *source/origin, type and properties of solid biofuels*. The necessity of terms defined in this International Technical Standard is in many cases based on the classification system of solid biofuels given in ISO 17225-1, in which the classification of solid biofuels is specified in more detail.

4 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

**4.1
absorption**
phenomenon whereby atoms, ions, or molecules from a gas, liquid, or dissolved solid permeates or is dissolved by a liquid or solid (the absorbent)

Note 1 to entry: *Adsorption* is a surface-based process while *absorption* involves the whole *volume* of the material.
[SOURCE: ISO 18757:2003, normative text summarised as term and definition]

**4.2
adsorption**
phenomenon whereby atoms, ions, or molecules from a gas, liquid, or dissolved solid adheres to a surface whereby the process creates a film of the adsorbate on the surface of the adsorbent

[SOURCE: ISO 18757:2003, 3.1]

**4.3
additive**
material which has been intentionally introduced into the *fuel feedstock* to improve *quality of fuel* (e.g. combustion properties or durability), to reduce emissions or to make production more efficient

Note 1 to entry: Trace amounts of e.g. grease or other lubricants that are introduced into the *fuel* processing stream as part of normal mill operations are not considered as *additives*.

[SOURCE: ISO 17225-2:2014, 3.2]

4.4**agrofuels**

biofuels obtained from *energy crops* and/or agricultural by-products (agricultural residues)

[SOURCE: FAO unified *bioenergy* terminology (UBET)]

4.5**air dried**

condition in which the *solid biofuel* has been dried in air to equilibrium *moisture content*

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992 3.5, modified – with regard to solid biofuels]

4.6**angle of repose****critical angle of repose**

steepest angle of descent of a stock pile measured in degrees of the slope of material relative to the horizontal plane when granular material on the slope face is on the verge of sliding

Note 1 to entry: The angle of repose is normally a few degrees lower than the angle of drain.

[SOURCE: ISO 4324:1977, 3]

4.7**angle of drain**

steepest angle of descent within a silo or a hopper when material is withdrawn from the bottom measured in degrees of the slope of material relative to the horizontal plane when granular material on the slope face is on the verge of sliding

Note 1 to entry: The *angle of drain* is normally a few degrees higher than the *angle of repose*.

4.8**animal biomass**

biomass obtained from livestock

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4.9**animal by-products****animal residues**

agricultural by-products (or agricultural residues) obtained from livestock operations

Note 1 to entry: It includes among others solid excreta of animals.

4.10**aquatic biomass**

biomass from hydrophytic plants or hydrophytes, which are plants that have adapted to living in or on aquatic environments

[SOURCE: ISO 17225-1:2014, normative text summarised as term and definition]

4.11**as determined****as analysed****ad**

reference *moisture content* of the material at the moment of analysis/determination

Note 1 to entry: The abbreviation of “as determined” is “ad”. It is used as a subscript (e.g. A_{ad} is equivalent to *ash content* at the *moisture content* at the time of determination).

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992, text summarised as term and definition with regard to solid biofuels]

4.12

as received
as delivered
ar

calculation basis for a material in the delivery state

Note 1 to entry: The abbreviation of "as received" is "ar".

[SOURCE: ISO 15357:2011, 3.1, modified – "at delivery" changed to " in the delivery state"]

4.13

ash
ash content
total ash
A

mass of inorganic residue remaining after complete combustion of a *fuel* under specified conditions, typically expressed as a percentage of the mass of *dry matter in fuel*

Note 1 to entry: See also *ash fusibility*, *natural ash*, *extraneous ash*.

Note 2 to entry: Depending on the combustion efficiency the ash may contain combustibles.

Note 3 to entry: If a complete combustion is realised ash contains only inorganic, non-combustible components.

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992, modified – text summarised as term and definition with regard to solid biofuels]

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4.14

ash deformation temperature
DT

temperature at which first signs of rounding due to melting of the edges of the *ash* test piece occur

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4.15

ash flow temperature
FT

temperature at which the *ash* is spread out over the supporting tile in a layer, the height of which is half of the height of the test piece at the *ash hemisphere temperature*

4.16

ash fusibility
ash melting behaviour

characteristic physical state of the *ash* obtained by heating under specific conditions

Note 1 to entry: *Ash fusibility* is determined under either oxidising or reducing conditions.

Note 2 to entry: See also *ash deformation temperature*, *ash flow temperature*, *ash hemisphere temperature* and *ash shrinkage starting temperature*.

4.17

ash hemisphere temperature
HT

temperature at which the height of a test piece, prepared from *ash* by a specific procedure, is equal to half the width of the base, and its shape becomes approximately hemispherical

4.18

ash shrinkage starting temperature
SST

temperature at which shrinking of the test piece occurs

Note 1 to entry: This temperature is defined as when the area of the test piece falls below 95 % of the original test piece area at 550 °C.

4.19**bag weight**

weight of the *fuel* including the bag

4.20**baled biofuel****bale**

solid biofuel which has been compressed and bound to keep its shape and *density*

EXAMPLE Straw bales, bales of *energy grass*, bales of *logging residues*.

4.21**bark**

organic cellular tissue which is formed by taller plants (trees, bushes) on the outside of the growth zone (cambium) as a shell for the wooden body

4.22**basic density**

ratio of the mass on *dry basis* and the *solid volume* on green basis

4.23**biobased**

derived from *biomass*

[SOURCE: EN 16575:2013, 2.1]

4.24**biobased content**

fraction of a *fuel* that is derived from *biomass*

Note 1 to entry: Normally expressed as a percentage of the total mass of the product.

[SOURCE: EN 16575:2013, 2.4, modified – "product" changed to "fuel"]

4.25**biobased product****biobased industrial product****bioproduct**

product wholly or partly derived from *biomass*

Note 1 to entry: The *biobased product* is normally characterized by the biobased carbon content or the *biobased* content.

[SOURCE: EN 16575:2013, 2.5]

4.26**bioenergy**

energy derived from *biomass*

4.27**biofuel**

solid, liquid or gaseous *fuel* produced directly or indirectly from *biomass*

4.28**biofuel blend**

biofuel resulting from intentionally mixing of different *biofuels*

EXAMPLE Straw or *energy grass* with wood, dried *biosludge* with *bark*.

4.29

biofuel briquette

densified biofuel made with or without *additives* in pre-determined geometric form with at least two diameters of more than 25 mm, produced by compressing *biomass*

4.30

biofuel mixture

biofuel resulting from natural or unintentional mixing of different *biofuels* and/or different types of *biomass*

4.31

biofuel pellet

densified biofuel made with or without *additives* usually with a cylindrical form, random length typically 5 mm to 40 mm and diameter up to 25 mm and broken ends, produced by compressing *biomass*

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

Note 2 to entry: See also *non-woody pellet*, *wood pellet* and *pellet from thermally treated biomass*.

4.32

biomass

material of biological origin excluding material embedded in geological formations and/or fossilized

Note 1 to entry: *Biomass* is organic material that is plant or animal based, including but not limited to dedicated *energy crops*, agricultural crops and trees, food, feed and fibre crop residues, aquatic plants, algae, forestry and wood residues, agricultural wastes, processing by-products and other non fossil organic matters.

Note 2 to entry: See also *herbaceous biomass*, *fruit biomass*, and *woody biomass*.

4.33

biomass by-product

a secondary product which is made incidentally during the production of something else

EXAMPLE Sawdust when sawing timber.

4.34

biomass residue

biomass from well-defined side-streams from forestry, agriculture, aquaculture and related industrial operations

EXAMPLE Olive cake after pressing of oil, *logging residues*.

4.35

biomass resource owner

body or enterprise with the right to exploit the *biomass* resources

Note 1 to entry: The *biomass* resource owner can be a land or forest owner, a company etc.

4.36

biomethane

methane produced from *biomass* (e.g. *solid biofuels*)

Note 1 to entry: Biomethane is not a *solid biofuel*. The term is included for information only.

4.37

biosludge

sludge formed in the aeration basin during biological waste water treatment or biological treatment process and separated by sedimentation or flotation

Note 1 to entry: *Biosludge* has to be treated for the transformation into solid *biomass*.