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**Part 4:  
Flame retardants**

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— code numbers 26, 27, 53, 54, and 55 have been added.

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# Plastics — Symbols and abbreviated terms —

## Part 4: Flame retardants

### 1 Scope

This document provides uniform symbols for flame retardants added to plastics materials.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

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

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

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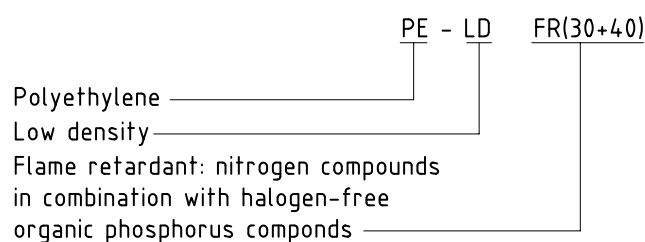
**flame retardant** substance that markedly retards the propagation of a flame

Note 1 to entry: Included are flame retardants that are incorporated in prepolymers.

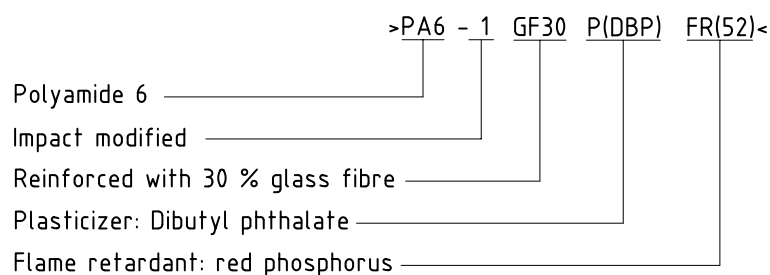
### 4 Application of symbols

The symbols are written with the abbreviated term “FR”, in capital letters, followed, without a space, by a two-digit code number enclosed in parentheses and selected, as appropriate, from the list given in [Clause 5](#). Only flame retardants exceeding a mass fraction of 1 % have to be identified. These symbols are used in addition to the symbols for a plastics material derived from ISO 1043-1, ISO 1043-2 and ISO 1043-3.

EXAMPLE 1:



EXAMPLE 2:



## 5 Code numbers for flame retardants

The code numbers are grouped according to the chemical composition of the flame retardant.

NOTE Additional materials are coded as required and forms amendments to this document.

### Halogenated compounds:

#### Code

- |          |  |
|----------|--|
| 10       | aliphatic/alicyclic chlorinated compounds  |
| 11       | aliphatic/alicyclic chlorinated compounds in combination with antimony compounds   |
| 12       | aromatic chlorinated compounds   |
| 13       | aromatic chlorinated compounds in combination with antimony compounds  |
| 14       | aliphatic/alicyclic brominated compounds (excluding hexabromocyclododecane)  |
| 15       | aliphatic/alicyclic brominated compounds (excluding hexabromocyclododecane) in combination with antimony compounds       |
| 16       | aromatic brominated compounds (excluding brominated diphenyl ether and biphenyls)  |
| 17       | aromatic brominated compounds (excluding brominated diphenyl ether and biphenyls) in combination with antimony compounds |
| 18       | polybrominated diphenyl ether  |
| 19       | polybrominated diphenyl ether in combination with antimony compounds   |
| 20       | polybrominated biphenyls   |
| 21       | polybrominated biphenyls in combination with antimony compounds  |
| 22       | aliphatic/alicyclic chlorinated and brominated compounds   |
| 23       | hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD)  |
| 24       | hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) with antimony compounds  |
| 25       | aliphatic fluorinated compounds  |
| 26       | aliphatically brominated block copolymer or that containing antimony compounds   |
| 27       | brominated bisphenol alkyl ether or that containing antimony compounds   |
| 28 to 29 | not allocated  |

**Nitrogen compounds:**

Code

30	nitrogen compounds (confined to melamine, melamine cyanurate, urea)
31 to 39	not allocated

**Organic phosphorus compounds:**

Code

40	halogen-free organic phosphorus compounds
41	chlorinated organic phosphorus compounds
42	brominated organic phosphorus compounds
43 to 49	not allocated

**Inorganic phosphorus compounds:**

Code

50	ammonium orthophosphates
51	ammonium polyphosphates
52	red phosphorus
53	hypophosphites
54	organic ammonium phosphate
55	organic ammonium polyphosphate
56 to 59	not allocated

**Metal oxides, metal hydroxides, metal salts:**

Code

60	aluminium hydroxide
61	magnesium hydroxide
62	antimony (III) oxide
63	alkali-metal antimonate
64	magnesium/calcium carbonate hydrate
65 to 69	not allocated

**Boron and zinc compounds:**

Code

70	inorganic boron compounds
71	organic boron compounds

72	zinc borate
73	organic zinc compounds
74	not allocated

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**Silica compounds:**

Code

75	inorganic silicon compounds
76	organic silicon compounds (silicones)
77 to 79	not allocated

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Code

80	graphite
81 to 89	not allocated

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Code

90 to 99	not allocated
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