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Foreword

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Introduction

The testing of solid recovered fuels (SRF) enables informed decisions about their subsequent handling and use. In order to carry out a test on a solid recovered fuel, a sample of the material is required. Before any sampling operation is devised, it is important that the objectives for sampling are clearly identified and subsequently well executed to ensure that the expectations of any involved parties are recognized and satisfied. The identification of objectives helps to define the level of testing required, e.g. thorough examination or routine testing, and in addition desired reliability of testing / assessment and frequency of testing. The sampling objectives, along with the sequence of operations required to fulfil them, are detailed in an overall sampling plan. After a sampling plan has been prepared, the sampling of SRF itself can be implemented.

This document is largely based on the work already done by CEN/TC 292 "*Characterization of waste*" (now integrated in CEN/TC 444 "Environmental characterization of solid matrices"), in particular EN 14899:2005[1] and CEN/TR 15310-1:2006[2].

The main characteristic that makes SRF samples significantly different from other kinds of waste is that SRFs are very often solid, but neither "granular" nor monolithic; it often happens that SRF samples are fibrous-like materials. This typical characteristic of SRF implies that the statistical formula for sampling of EN 14899:2005 and CEN/TR 15310-1:2006, Annex D are not applicable without amendment. The "shape factor" (f) is additionally needed in the statistical formula.

Figure 1 shows the links between the essential elements of a testing program.

Sampling procedures are provided for a range of process streams and common storage conditions. The sampling technique adopted depends on a combination of different characteristics of the material and circumstances encountered at the sampling location. The determining factors are:

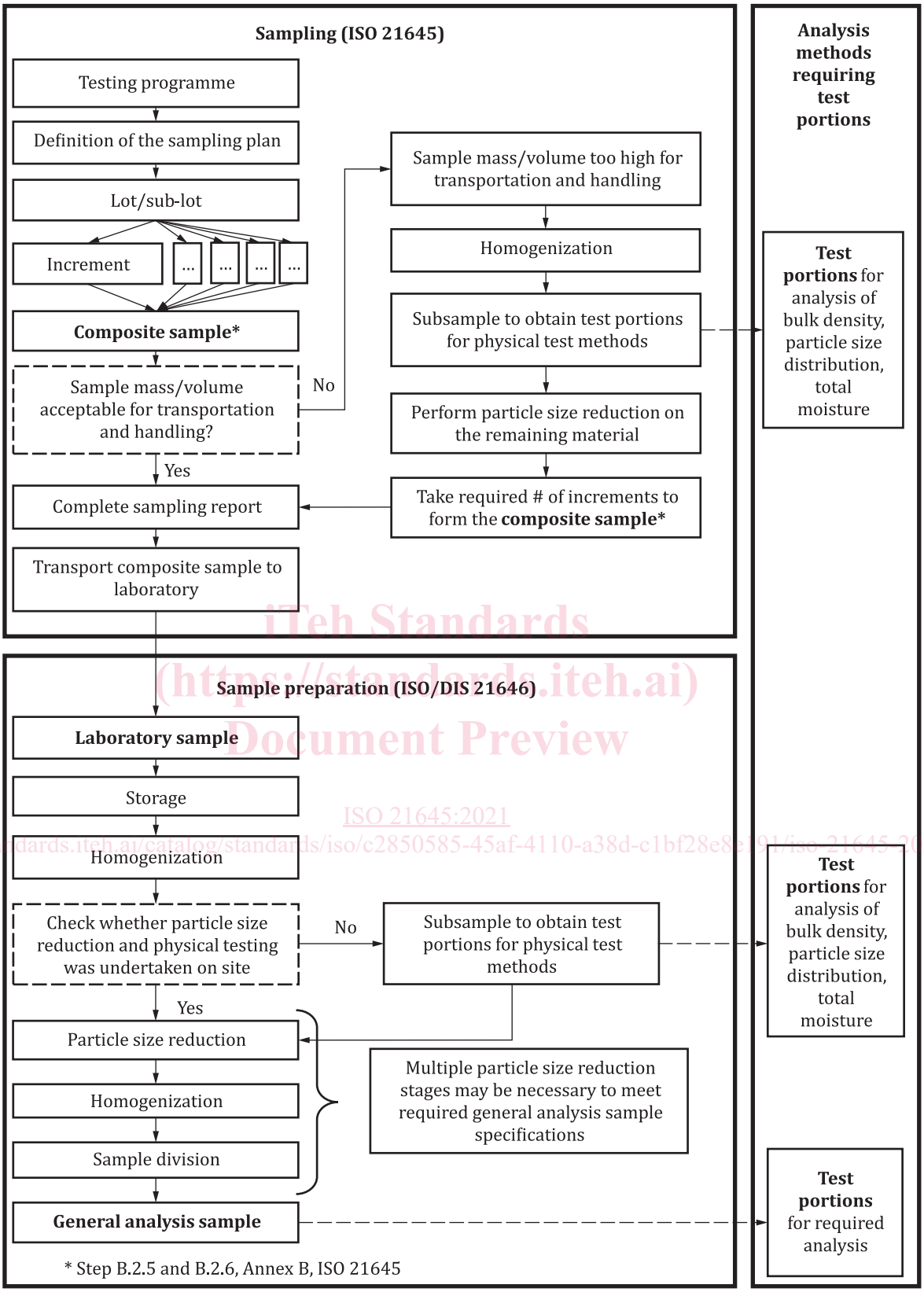
— the type of solid recovered fuel;

— the situation at the sampling location / the way in which the material occurs (e.g. in a stockpile, on a conveyor belt, in a lorry);

— the (expected) degree of heterogeneity (e.g. monostreams, mixed fuels, blended fuels).

This document is primarily geared toward laboratories, producers, suppliers and purchasers of solid recovered fuels, but is also useful for the authorities and inspection organizations.

Sampling of solid biofuels is described in ISO 18135[3].



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