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European foreword

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This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by June 2019, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 2020.

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This document supersedes EN 13501-1:2007+A1:2009.

In addition to editorial corrections this document includes the reaction to fire classification procedure for linear pipe thermal insulation products.

This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association.

CEN, CENELEC and EOTA committees preparing technical specifications, which contain performance requirements against reaction to fire tests, should make reference to the reaction to fire classification given in this European Standard and not refer directly to any specific fire test method.

EN 13501, *Fire classification of construction products and building elements* consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests*
- *Part 2: Classification using data from fire resistance tests, excluding ventilation services*
- *Part 3: Classification using data from fire resistance tests on products and elements used in building service installations: fire resisting ducts and fire dampers*
- *Part 4: Classification using data from fire resistance tests on components of smoke control — systems*
- *Part 5: Classification using data from external fire exposure to roofs tests*
- *Part 6: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests on power, control and communication cables.*

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Introduction

The aim of this European Standard is to define a harmonized procedure for the classification of reaction to fire of construction products. This classification is based on the test procedures listed in Clause 5 and the relevant field of application procedures.

This European Standard has been prepared in support of the second essential requirement in the EC Construction Products Regulation (305/2011/EU) and as detailed in the Interpretative Document Number 2: Safety in case of fire (OJ C62 Vol. 37).

Background information on the Commission Delegated Regulation (2016/364) regarding the classification of the reaction to fire performance of construction products is given in Annex A.

The European Commission has drawn up a list of products which, under specified conditions, can be considered to be class A1 without testing. This information is given in the Commission Decision 96/603/EC (OJ L 267 19.10.1966 p23) as amended by 2000/605/EC (OJ L 258 12.10.2000 p36) and 2003/424/EC (OJ L 144 12.6.2003 p9).

Additionally there is a procedure by which certain products can be assigned a particular fire classification without the need for testing. Such products have well established reaction to fire performance and have been agreed by the Standing Committee on Construction. Agreements relating to such products which may be 'classified without further testing' (CWFT) are published in the Official Journal of the EC.

Parts 2, 3 and 4 of this European Standard are concerned with classification resulting from fire resistance tests. Part 5 covers classification resulting from tests for external fire exposure to roofs. Part 6 covers classification resulting from tests for reaction to fire of cables.

NOTE Test reports constitute the basis for extended application reports as explained in EN 15725.

1 Scope

This document provides the reaction to fire classification procedure for all construction products, including products incorporated within building elements with the exception of power, control and communication cables which are covered by EN 13501-6.

Products are considered in relation to their end use application.

This document applies to three categories, which are treated separately in this document:

- construction products, excluding floorings and linear pipe thermal insulation products;
- floorings;
- linear pipe thermal insulation products.

NOTE For CE marking of construction products under the Construction Product Regulation ((EC) 305/2011) the NPD option can be used when no reaction of fire performance is to be declared.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 13823, *Reaction to fire tests for building products - Building products excluding floorings exposed to the thermal attack by a single burning item*

CEN/TS 15117, *Guidance on direct and extended application*

EN 15725, *Extended application reports on the fire performance of construction products and building elements*

EN ISO 1182, *Reaction to fire tests for products - Non-combustibility test (ISO 1182)*

EN ISO 1716:2010, *Reaction to fire tests for products - Determination of the gross heat of combustion (calorific value) (ISO 1716:2010)*

EN ISO 9239-1, *Reaction to fire tests for floorings - Part 1: Determination of the burning behaviour using a radiant heat source (ISO 9239-1)*

EN ISO 11925-2, *Reaction to fire tests - Ignitability of products subjected to direct impingement of flame - Part 2: Single-flame source test (ISO 11925-2)*