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## European foreword

This document (EN 1104:2018) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 172 “Pulp, paper and board”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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This document supersedes EN 1104:2005.

With regards to EN 1104:2005 the following changes have been made:

- a) The definition of the inhibition zone has been clarified;
- b) Modified Sabouraud nutrient medium for the preparation of *Aspergillus niger* spores has been replaced by 4 % Sabouraud;
- c) Guidelines for interpreting the results in [Annex A](#) have been added, including figures: these guidelines are intended to aid the interpretation of results obtained in the framework of application of EN 1104 standard for the various controls performed and for the samples tested;
- d) Editorial updating.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of transfer of antimicrobial constituents from paper and board materials and articles intended for food contact.

NOTE The need of using this Standard may be specified by the legislation regarding paper and board intended to come into contact with foodstuffs.

## 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 ISO 186, *Paper and board — Sampling to determine average quality (ISO 186)*

EN ISO 7218, *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — General requirements and guidance for microbiological examinations (ISO 7218)*

EN ISO 11133, *Microbiology of food, animal feed and water — Preparation, production, storage and performance testing of culture media (ISO 11133)*

## 3 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:

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

### 3.1 inhibition zone

obvious area in which growth is absent and which forms around test pieces placed on a nutrient medium inoculated with a preselected test microorganism, due to the release of water-soluble antimicrobial constituents; proof of the presence of an inhibition zone is provided by the absence of test microorganism growth (translucent zone) in a minimum of 2 mm width zone at the edges of the test pieces

## 4 Principle

A prepared nutrient medium is mixed with an appropriate inoculum and poured into Petri dishes. The test pieces are placed on the nutrient medium before its complete solidification and then incubated. When incubation is terminated, the existence of an inhibition zone is an indicator of the release of antimicrobial constituents.

The test is performed with a bacterium, *Bacillus subtilis*, and with a fungus, *Aspergillus niger*.

NOTE The result is based on a visual decision.

## 5 Apparatus

All laboratory equipment and parts of the equipment shall be as described in the EN ISO 7218.

### 5.1 Punch iron

Diameter = 10 mm to 15 mm, sterilizable.