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- new compartment: zero star;
- new compartment: wine storage, combined with requirements for vibration, temperature fluctuation and humidity;
- new compartment: pantry;
- new compartment: multi-use;
- new compartment: through-the-door-devices;
- requirements for circumvention.

EN ISO 15502:2005 + AC:2007, *Household refrigerating appliances – Characteristics and test methods*, is based on ISO 15502:2005 and its corrigendum Cor 1:2007; this International Standard, prepared by subcommittee 5: Testing and rating of household refrigeration appliances of ISO technical committee 86, Refrigeration and air-conditioning, was transferred to the IEC subsequent to IEC SMB decision 127/11. ISO 15502:2005 and its corrigendum are superseded by IEC 62552:2007.

EN 153:2006, *Methods of measuring the energy consumption of electric mains operated household refrigerators, frozen food storage cabinets, food freezers and their combinations, together with associated characteristics*, was prepared by CEN/TC 44, Household refrigerating appliances and commercial refrigeration equipment.

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## Annex ZA (normative)

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**Annex ZB**  
(normative)

**Final test report layout**

<b>Test report – Household refrigeration appliance</b>  (Requirements from EN 62552 and 2010/30/EU)	Date: mm / dd / yyyy	Appliance type:	SomeFreezer SF1234
	Testing Institute: Science Lab Ltd. Anywhere Outinavillage Country	Manufacturer:	Man-U-Fact Ltd. Somewhere Inthecity Country
		Tested by:	xyz

Supplier name:	Man-U-Fact Ltd.		
Appliance model:	SomeFreezer SF1234		
Category <sup>1)</sup> :	7		
Efficiency class <sup>2)</sup> :	A+++	Eco-label award (1980/2000 EC):	n.a.
Built-in Appliance:	yes/no	Climate Class <sup>3)</sup> :	SN-ST

Overall dimensions <sup>4)</sup> [mm]:	1234	x	1234	x	1234
Overall space required in use <sup>4)</sup> [mm]:	2345	x	2345	x	2345

ALL APPLIANCES:	Decl.	Tested	WINE COOLERS:	Decl.	Tested
Total gross volume [L]:	1234	1234	Bottle capacity [pcs]:	n.a.	1234
Total storage volume [L]:	2345	2345	Temp. fluctuation test passed:		yes/no
Storage shelf area [cm <sup>2</sup> ]:	3456	3456	Humidity range test passed:		yes/no

Com-part-ments	Type	Frost Free	Star rating	Vol. [L]:	Target storage temp. [°C]	Storage test passed?		Ope-ning force Test passed?	Air-tight-ness test passed?	Durab-ility test passed?	Mech. Strength test passed?
						High temp.	Low temp.				
1	(***)*-Freezer	No	4	123	≤ -18	yes	Yes	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no
2	***-Freezer	Yes	3	123	≤ -18	yes	no	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no
3	**-Freezer	Yes	2	123	≤ -12			yes/no	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no
4	*-Freezer	No	1	123	≤ -6			yes/no	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no
5	0-star	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-6 ≤ 0			yes/no	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no
6	Chill	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-2 ≤ 3			yes/no	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no
7	Fresh Food	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0 ≤ +4			yes/no	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no
8	Wine	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	+5 ≤ 20			yes/no	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no
9	Cellar	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	+8 ≤ +14			yes/no	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no
10	Pantry	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	+14 ≤ +20			yes/no	yes/no	yes/no	yes/no

Energy consumption 24h [kWh]	Tested	Passed?	Temperature rise time [h]	Tested	Passed
Energy consumption 365d [kWh]	12,345	yes/no	Freezing capacity 24h [kg]	12	yes/no
Energy efficiency index [%]	123,456	yes/no	Lowest ambient temp. [°C]	1	yes/no
Energy efficiency class	123	yes/no	Noise [dB(A)]	123	yes/no
Ice production in 24h [kg]	A+++	yes/no		12,3	yes/no
Circumvention measures found?	n.a.	yes/no			
		yes/no*			

Every field has to be filled, either with data or "n.a."

## Annex ZZ (informative)

### **Coverage of requirements of commission regulation (EC) No 643/2009 implementing Directive 2005/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for household refrigerating appliances.**

This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CENELEC by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association and within its scope the standard covers all relevant requirements as given in Commission Regulation (EC) No 643/2009 of 22 July 2009, implementing Directive 2005/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for household refrigerating appliances and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1060/2010 from 28 September 2010, supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for refrigeration appliances especially:

- ensuring that the prospective harmonized standard provides, where appropriate, revised and/or new definitions, characteristics and necessary parameters included in Regulation 643/2009 and in the Draft Labeling Directive, in particular for appliances and compartments to be used exclusively for wine storage, or with internal temperature between +14 °C and +20 °C, as well as for compartments with internal temperature between 0 °C and -6 °C;
- ensuring that the prospective harmonized standard(s) provides procedures and methods to measure at least the linear dimensions, areas and volumes, energy consumption, storage temperatures, compartments start ratings, freezing capacity, temperature rise time of free-standing and built-in household refrigerating appliances included in Regulation 643/2009 and the Draft Labeling Directive;
- ensuring that, for the purpose of Regulation 643/2009 appliances equipped for operation on different power supplies, but that can be operated at a rated voltage within the range between 220 V and 240 V, are tested only at 230 V  $\pm$ 1 % with a frequency of 50 Hz  $\pm$ 1 %;
- ensuring that the prospective harmonized standard includes a procedure that avoids an appliance being programmed to recognize the test conditions and reacting specifically to them;
- ensuring that the prospective harmonized standard takes into account improved test conditions, test materials, new appliance types and the state of the art at European and international level and better reflects the user behavior;
- defining a template for a test report indicating the information to be declared by the manufacturers to fulfill at least the ecodesign requirements set out in Regulation 643/2009 and in the Draft Labeling Directive.

**WARNING: Other requirements and other EC Directives or Commission Regulations may be applicable to the products falling within the scope of this standard.**

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# HOUSEHOLD REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES – CHARACTERISTICS AND TEST METHODS

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the essential characteristics of household refrigerating appliances, factory-assembled and cooled by internal natural convection or forced air circulation, and establishes test methods for checking the characteristics. These are type tests, and because of this, when verification of the performance of a refrigerating appliance of a given type in relation to this standard is necessary, it is preferable, wherever practicable, that all the tests specified be applied to a single unit. The tests can also be made individually for the study of a particular characteristic.

NOTE For the safety requirements applicable to household refrigerating appliances, see IEC 60335-2-24; for noise requirements applicable to household refrigerators and freezers, see ISO 8960; and for additional safety requirements applicable to the refrigerating systems of household refrigerating appliances, see ISO 5149.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

ISO 534, *Paper and board – Determination of thickness, density and specific volume*

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## 3 Terms, definitions and symbols

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

### 3.1

#### **refrigerating appliance**

factory-assembled insulated cabinet with one or more compartments and of suitable volume and equipment for household use, cooled by natural convection or a frost-free system whereby the cooling is obtained by one or more energy-consuming means

NOTE From the point of view of installation, there are various types of household refrigerating appliance (free-standing, wall-mounted, built-in, etc.).

#### 3.1.1

##### **compression-type refrigerating appliance**

refrigerating appliance in which refrigeration is effected by means of a motor-driven compressor

#### 3.1.2

##### **absorption-type refrigerating appliance**

refrigerating appliance in which refrigeration is effected by an absorption process using heat as energy source

#### 3.1.3

##### **refrigerator**

refrigerating appliance intended for the preservation of food, one of whose compartments is suitable for the storage of fresh food