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## European foreword

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- a) update of normative references;
- b) addition of the material CuCr1Zr (CW106C) in Table 2 and Table 9;
- c) modification of the lead content for CuZn39Pb3 (CW614N) and CuZn40Pb2 (CW617N) in Table 7;
- d) correction of hardness values for CuSi3Zn2P (CW124C) of material conditions R650 and H170 in Table 9;
- e) modification of 9.1 “Declaration of conformity” and 9.2 “Inspection documentation”;
- f) editorial amendments.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies the composition, property requirements and tolerances on dimensions and form for seamless round drawn copper and copper alloy tubes for general purposes supplied in the size range from 3 mm up to and including 450 mm outside diameter and from 0,3 mm up to and including 20 mm wall thickness.

The sampling procedures and the methods of test for verification of conformity to the requirements of this document are also specified.

NOTE Tubes having an outside diameter less than 80 mm and/or a wall thickness greater than 2 mm in certain alloys are most frequently used for free machining purposes which are specified in EN 12168.

## 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 1173, *Copper and copper alloys - Material condition designation*

EN 1412, *Copper and copper alloys - European numbering system*

EN 1971-1, *Copper and copper alloys - Eddy current test for measuring defects on seamless round copper and copper alloy tubes - Part 1: Test with an encircling test coil on the outer surface*

EN 1971-2, *Copper and copper alloys - Eddy current test for measuring defects on seamless round copper and copper alloy tubes - Part 2: Test with an internal probe on the inner surface*

EN 1976, *Copper and copper alloys - Cast unwrought copper products*

EN 16090, *Copper and copper alloys - Estimation of average grain size by ultrasound*

EN ISO 196, *Wrought copper and copper alloys - Detection of residual stress - Mercury(I) nitrate test (ISO 196)*

EN ISO 2624, *Copper and copper alloys - Estimation of average grain size (ISO 2624)*

EN ISO 6506-1, *Metallic materials - Brinell hardness test - Part 1: Test method (ISO 6506-1)*

EN ISO 6507-1, *Metallic materials - Vickers hardness test - Part 1: Test method (ISO 6507-1)*

EN ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials - Tensile testing - Part 1: Method of test at room temperature (ISO 6892-1)*

EN ISO 8493, *Metallic materials - Tube - Drift-expanding test (ISO 8493)*

ISO 6957, *Copper alloys — Ammonia test for stress corrosion resistance*

ISO 80000-1:2009, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*