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European foreword

This document (EN 113-3:2023) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 38 “Durability of wood and wood-based products”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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This document supersedes ENV 12038:2002.

Test results obtained with earlier versions of ENV 12038 are still valid.

Compared to current EN 113, modifications are the following:

- A third part has been included.
- The three parts of the new EN 113 deal with similar testing but relate to a different scope.

EN 113-3:2023 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to ENV 12038:2002:

- Change of the title;
- The methods for sterilization are updated;
- All annexes are informative, except Annex B on sterilization methods;
- Some additional validity requirements are introduced for control specimens;
- Number of test specimens per fungus doubled;
- Number of virulence control specimens increased from 6 to 10;
- Size control specimens deleted;
- Assessment of results changed.

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Introduction

This document describes a laboratory test method in which small samples of the wood-based panel product under test are exposed to attack by a range of wood-destroying basidiomycete fungi in pure culture. The thickness of the test specimens varies, since it is dictated by the thickness of the wood-based panel product under test. The effect of constituents giving temporary protection is avoided by testing after pre-conditioning of the cut specimens in a freely ventilated environment. The test method also includes a minimum moisture uptake requirement.

The procedures described in this document method are intended to be carried out by suitably trained and/or supervised specialists. Appropriate safety precautions should be observed throughout the use of this document.

1 Scope

This document describes a method for assessing the durability of wood-based panels or analogue wood products to attack by wood-destroying basidiomycete fungi growing in pure culture.

The test method described in this document is intended to complement EN 113-2 with focus on specific aspects of wood-based panels or analogue wood products. This document is not intended to determine the effectiveness of wood preservatives used to prevent decay, which is covered by EN 113-1.

NOTE This method can be used in conjunction with an appropriate ageing procedure, for example EN 73 or EN 84.

The method is applicable to uncoated, rigid wood-based panel products. It is applicable to the determination of the decay resistance of wood-based panel products:

- made from naturally durable materials;
- made from materials treated with preservatives prior to manufacture;
- treated with a preservative which is introduced during manufacture, for example as an additive to the adhesive;
- specific treatments to increase durability of wood-based panels, e.g. wood modification.

Annex A (informative) contains a guidance on sampling.

Annex B (normative) contains some methods of sterilization.

Annex C (informative) contains information on the culture vessels.

Annex D (informative) contains an example of a test report.

Annex E (informative) contains information on the test fungi.

Annex F (informative) contains the assessment of the results.

Annex G (informative) contains extra info on moisture dynamics, coatings, composites and impact of dimensions.

2 Normative references

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EN 84, *Durability of wood and wood-based products - Accelerated ageing of treated wood prior to biological testing - Leaching procedure*