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## European foreword

This document (EN 12331:2015) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 153 "Machinery intended for use with foodstuffs and feed", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by March 2016, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by March 2016.

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This document supersedes EN 12331:2003+A2:2010.

This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive 2006/42/EC.

For relationship with EU Directive 2006/42/EC, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

### Significant changes

The significant changes with respect to the previous edition EN 12331:2003+A2:2010 are listed below:

- same pictures have been renewed and renumbered;
- Clause 2: EN 1088 replaced by EN ISO 14119;
- Clause 3: clarify of some definitions and use of this wording in the document;
- Clause 4: transferred to a table;
- 5.2.5.1: inclusion of a note that under certain conditions the combination of specific hole plates diameter with specific hole diameter represents a securing element;
- Bibliography: with respect to 5.2.4.2 the standards DIN 9810 and UNI 11303 were added.

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## Introduction

This document is a type-C-standard as stated in EN ISO 12100.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations and hazardous events are covered are indicated in the scope of this document.

When provisions of this type-C-standard are different from those which are stated in type-A- or -B-standards, the provisions of this type-C-standard take precedence over the provisions of the other standards, for machines that have been designed and built according to the provisions of this type-C-standard.

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## 1 Scope

**1.1** This European Standard specifies requirements for the design and manufacture of mincing machines (see Figures 1a and 1b) used in a stationary position.

The machines covered by this European Standard are used for size reduction of fresh or frozen meat, meat products and fish (hereinafter referred to as product) by cutting in a set of cutting tools.

Mincing machines for domestic uses are not included in this European Standard. Filling mincers are covered by EN 12463 "Food processing machinery – Filling machines and auxiliary machines – Safety and hygiene requirements".

This European Standard applies only to machines that are manufactured after the date of issue of this European Standard.

Mincing machines in connection with using a hold-to-run foot switch are not covered by this European Standard.

This European Standard covers:

- mincing machines used in shops and preparation rooms;
- mincing machines used in kitchens where sausages are prepared;
- mincing machines used industrially;
- accessories.

The extent to which hazards are covered, is indicated in this European Standard. For other hazards which are not covered by this European Standard, machinery should comply with EN ISO 12100:2010 where applicable.

This European Standard is not dealing with specific requirements for the control of mincing machines with foot switch.

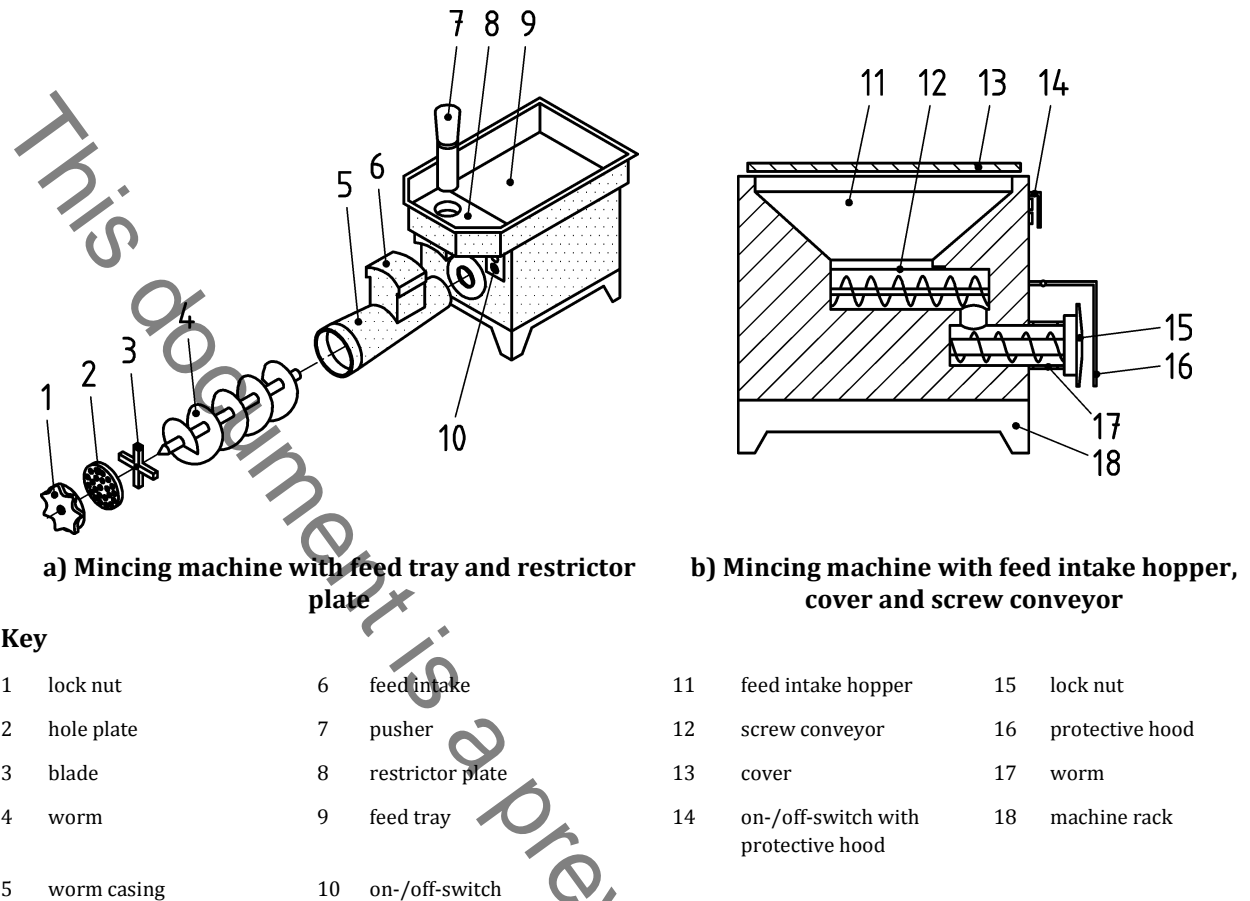
**1.2** This European Standard covers the following types:

- mincing machine with feed tray, feed intake and pusher, diameter  $\leq 52$  mm on feed intake (see Figure 3);
- mincing machine with feed tray, feed intake, restrictor plate and pusher, diameter  $> 52$  mm on feed intake (see Figure 4);
- mincing machine with feed intake hopper and cover, screw conveyor, with<sup>1)</sup> or without mixing screw in feed intake hopper (see Figure 5);
- mincing machine with feed intake hopper, with or without cover, screw conveyor, with<sup>1)</sup> or without mixing screw in the feed intake hopper, with loading device (continuously or discontinuously).

Mincing machines comprise a machine base, a worm casing with a worm, a feed tray (with feed intake) or a feed intake hopper, a screw conveyor (and sometimes an additional mixing screw in the feed intake hopper), a set of cutting tools, a lock nut, a loading device, a drive motor and – depending on machine type – electrical, hydraulic and pneumatic components. They will also have various safeguarding devices as examples in Clause 5.

1) In this case, EN 13570 should be taken into consideration.





**Figure 1 — Arrangement of a mincing machine**

Mincing machines may be equipped e.g. with

- an extraction claw,
- an ejector or extractor,
- a protective hood over the discharge outlet,
- a cover over the inlet opening of the feed intake hopper,
- a transport carriage for the lock nut, the set of cutting tools, the worm and the screw conveyor,
- a lifting device for the lock nut, the set of cutting tools, the worm and the screw conveyor,
- a loading device.

### 1.3 Intended use

The product is fed manually or by means of the loading device into the mincing machine. The product is fed to the worm either by means of a pusher or a screw conveyor and size reduced in the set of cutting tools.

It is not intended that mincing machines are cleaned with pressurized water. However, it is to be foreseen that it is difficult to guarantee that this method will never be used in practice. In order to deal with this eventuality, the requirements of 5.3.4 should apply.

This European Standard specifies all significant hazards, hazardous situations and events relevant to mincing machines, when they are used as intended and under conditions of misuse which are reasonably foreseeable by the manufacturer (see Clause 4).

This European Standard specifies the hazards which can arise during commissioning, operation, cleaning, use, maintenance and decommissioning of the machine.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 349, *Safety of machinery — Minimum gaps to avoid crushing of parts of the human body*

EN 614-1, *Safety of machinery — Ergonomic design principles — Part 1: Terminology and general principles*

EN 953:1997+A1:2009, *Safety of machinery — Guards — General requirements for the design and construction of fixed and movable guards*

EN 1005-1, *Safety of machinery — Human physical performance — Part 1: Terms and definitions*

EN 1005-2, *Safety of machinery — Human physical performance — Part 2: Manual handling of machinery and component parts of machinery*

EN 1005-3, *Safety of machinery — Human physical performance — Part 3: Recommended force limits for machinery operation*

EN 1672-2:2005+A1:2009, *Food processing machinery — Basic concepts — Part 2: Hygiene requirements*

EN 60204-1:2006, *Safety of machinery — Electrical equipment of machines — Part 1: General requirements (IEC 60204-1:2005, modified)*

EN 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code) (IEC 60529)*

EN 61496-1, *Safety of machinery — Electro-sensitive protective equipment — Part 1: General requirements and tests (IEC 61496-1)*

EN ISO 4287, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Terms, definitions and surface texture parameters (ISO 4287)*

EN ISO 4871, *Acoustics — Declaration and verification of noise emission values of machinery and equipment (ISO 4871)*

EN ISO 11204:2010, *Acoustics — Noise emitted by machinery and equipment — Determination of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions applying accurate environmental corrections (ISO 11204:2010)*

EN ISO 11688-1, *Acoustics — Recommended practice for the design of low-noise machinery and equipment — Part 1: Planning (ISO/TR 11688-1)*

EN ISO 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction (ISO 12100:2010)*

EN ISO 13849-1:2008, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 1: General principles for design (ISO 13849-1:2006)*

EN ISO 13857:2008, *Safety of machinery — Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs (ISO 13857:2008)*

EN ISO 14119:2013, *Safety of machinery — Interlocking devices associated with guards — Principles for design and selection (ISO 14119:2013)*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 12100:2010 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

##### **platform**

accessible standing area

#### 3.2

##### **worm**

rotating screw-shaped component in the worm casing for product transport to the set of cutting tools

#### 3.3

##### **step**

interlocked standing area

#### 3.4

##### **ejector/extractor**

device for detaching the set of cutting tools and the worm

#### 3.5

##### **extraction claw**

tool for detaching the set of cutting tools and the worm

#### 3.6

##### **loading device**

device for the lifting and tilting of transport cars and containers

#### 3.7

##### **container**

device for holding products to be processed

#### 3.8

##### **cover**

movable device with safety function

#### 3.9

##### **feed intake**

housing between the feed tray and the worm casing

#### 3.10

##### **feed intake hopper**

container for holding the products to be processed with safety function