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Beschichtungsstoffe - Laborverfahren für die Prüfung der
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Foreword

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Introduction

This document identifies criteria to assess efficacy of film preservatives in a coating against fungi. The results of the method allow evaluation of an active substance with regard to its inclusion in Annex I of the Biocidal Products Directive 98/8/EC (Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market – BPD) or in the list of the Biocidal Product Regulation (BPR, Regulation (EU) 528/2012).

The characteristics of the biocide treated coating material should conform to national regulations with regard to health, safety and the environment.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a laboratory test method for determining the biocidal/biostatic efficacy of single active substances or combinations thereof used in film preservatives in a coating against fungal growth. This standard does not apply to coatings not susceptible to fungal growth. The test method comprises only active substances for film preservation, not the protection of the substrate itself, e.g. wood, which is dealt with in another standard. The test method is applicable for active substances used for wood and masonry coatings. It is not applicable to marine coatings.

Safety, health and environmental aspects are not in the scope of this standard.

Determination of the performance of film preservatives in coatings by applying ageing procedures is not within the scope of this standard.

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 12469, *Biotechnology - Performance criteria for microbiological safety cabinets*

EN 16492:2014, *Paints and varnishes - Evaluation of the surface disfigurement caused by fungi and algae on coatings*

EN 23270, *Paints and varnishes and their raw materials - Temperatures and humidities for conditioning and testing (ISO 3270)*

EN ISO 1513, *Paints and varnishes - Examination and preparation of test samples (ISO 1513)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following term and definition applies.

3.1

active substance

substance or micro-organism that has an action on or against harmful organisms

[SOURCE: Biocidal Product Regulation (BPR, Regulation (EU) 528/2012), Article 3.1 (c), modified – the article "a" between "or" and "micro-organism" was deleted]

4 Principle

To determine the fungicidal efficacy of film preservatives in a coating, the coating material is applied to a substrate conditioned according to EN 23270, placed onto an agar surface, inoculated with a standard fungal spore suspension and incubated. Conclusions can be drawn to the fungicidal efficacy of the film preservatives in a coating from the intensity of the fungal growth on the surface of the specimen after incubation. The method described here is a semiquantitative, comparative method between coatings, with and without film preservatives.