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### Käsitlusala:

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## **English version**

### Natural stone test methods

Determination of resistance to salt crystallisation

Méthodes d'essai pour pierres naturelles – Détermination de la résistance par un essai de cristallisation des sels Prüfverfahren für Naturstein – Bestimmung des Widerstandes gegen Kristallisation von Salzen

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### **Foreword**

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This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 246 "Natural stones", the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by September 1999, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 1999.

This draft standard is one of the series of draft standards for tests on natural stone. Test methods for natural stone consist of the following parts:

EN 1925 Natural stone test methods - Determination of water absorption coefficient by capillarity EN 1926 Natural stone test methods - Determination of compressive strength EN 1936 Natural stone test methods - Determination of real density and apparent density and of total and open porosity prEN 12371 Natural stone test methods - Determination of frost resistance EN 12372 Natural stone test methods - Determination of flexural strength under concentrated Natural stone test methods - Petrographic description prEN 12407 Natural stone test methods - Determination of flexural strength under constant prEN 13161 moment Natural stone test methods - Determination of the breaking load at a dowel hole prEN 13364 prEN ....(WI 00246011) Natural stone test methods - Determination of thermal dilatation coefficient prEN ....(WI 00246012) Natural stone test methods - Determination of sound - speed propagation prEN ....(WI 00246014) Natural stone test methods - Determination of abrasion resistance prEN ....(WI 00246015) Natural stone test methods - Determination of Knoop hardness prEN ....(WI 00246016) Natural stone test methods - Determination of thermal shock resistance prEN ....(WI 00246017) Natural stone test methods - Determination of slip coefficient prEN ....(WI 00246018) Natural stone test methods - Determination of static elastic modulus prEN ....(WI 00246019) Natural stone test methods - Determination of rupture energy prEN ....(WI 00246030) Natural stone test methods Determination of surface finishes (rugosity)

prEN ....(WI 00246032) Natural stone test methods - Determination of resistance to ageing by salt mist prEN ....(WI 00246033) Natural stone test methods - Determination of resistance to ageing by humidity, temperature, SO, action

Natural stone test methods - Determination of geometric characteristics on

prEN ....(WI 00246035) Natural stone test methods - Determination of dynamic elastic modulus (by fundamental resonance frequency)

prEN ....(WI 00246036) Natural stone test methods - Determination of water absorption at atmospheric pressure

It is intended that other ENs should call up this EN 12370 as the basis of evaluation of conformity. (Nevertheless it is not intended that all natural stones products should be subjected regularly to all the listed tests. Specifications in other standards should call up only relevant test methods).

According to the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, the national standards organizations of the following countries are bound to implement this European Standard: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

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### Introduction

This test is designed to assess the salt crystallisation resistance of natural stones where it is considered relevant. The test can not be used in isolation and results will be considered with other physical tests to indicate durability, these include prEN 12371 "Determination of frost resistance".

### 1 Scope

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### 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. There normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these incorporated in it by amendment or revision For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN 1936 Natural stone test methods - Determination of real density and apparent density and of total and open porosity

prEN 12371 Natural stone test methods - Determination of frost resistance

prEN 12440 Denomination of natural stone

### 3 Principle

After drying to constant mass, the specimen is immersed in a solution of sodium sulphate, dried and allowed to cool to room temperature. This cycle is carried out 15 times and the percentage mass change measured.

### 4 Symbols

 $M_{
m d}$  is the mass of the dried specimen, in grams  $M_{
m d1}$  is the mass of the dried specimen with label before first cycle, in grams  $M_{
m f}$  is the mass of the dried specimen with label, after 15 cycles, in grams  $\Delta M$  is the relative difference of masses before and after testing (mass loss or mass gain), in percent.

### **5 Apparatus**

- 5.1 A ventilated oven capable of maintaining a temperature of  $(105 \pm 5)^{\circ}$ C
- **5.2** A weighing instrument capable of weighing the specimens to  $\pm 0,001g$