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industriel

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Foreword

This document (EN 15234-4:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 335 “Solid biofuels”, the secretariat of which is held by SIS.

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EN 15234 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Solid biofuels — Fuel quality assurance*:

- *Part 1: General requirements;*
- *Part 2: Wood pellets for non-industrial use;*
- *Part 3: Wood briquettes for non-industrial use;*
- *Part 4: Wood chips for non-industrial use;*
- *Part 5: Firewood for non-industrial use;*
- *Part 6: Non-woody pellets for non-industrial use.*

Although these product standards may be obtained separately, it should be recognized that they require an understanding of the standards based on and supporting EN 15234-1. It is recommended to obtain and use EN 15234-1 in conjunction with these standards.

NOTE In these product standards, non-industrial use means - use in smaller scale appliances, such as in households, in small commercial and public sector buildings.

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Introduction

The overall aim of this European Standard is to guarantee the wood chips quality through the whole supply chain, from the origin and source to the delivery of the solid biofuel and provide adequate confidence that specified quality requirements are fulfilled.

The objective of this European Standard is to serve as a tool to enable the efficient trading of wood chips. Thereby:

- 1) the end-user can find wood chips that corresponds to its needs;
- 2) the producer/supplier can produce wood chips with defined and consistent properties and describe the fuel to the customers.

Quality assurance measures should establish confidence in the wood chips through systems that are simple to operate and do not cause undue bureaucracy.

Wood chips are specified according to EN 14961-4, *Solid biofuels — Fuel specifications and classes — Part 4: Wood chips for non-industrial use*.

1 Scope

This European Standard defines the procedures to fulfil the quality requirements (quality control) and describes measures to ensure adequate confidence that the wood chips specification for non-industrial use as described in EN 14961-4 is fulfilled (quality assurance). This European Standard covers the raw material supply, production and delivery chain, from purchasing of raw materials to point of delivery to the end-user.

This European standard covers only quality assurance for wood chips produced from the woody biomasses stated in EN 14961-1:2010, Table 1 and EN 14961-4.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 14588:2010, *Solid biofuels — Terminology, definitions and descriptions*

EN 14778, *Solid biofuels — Sampling*

EN 14961-1:2010, *Solid biofuels — Fuel specifications and classes — Part 1: General requirements*

EN 14961-4:2011, *Solid biofuels — Fuel specifications and classes — Part 4: Wood chips for non-industrial use*

EN 15234-1, *Solid biofuels — Fuel quality assurance — Part 1: General requirements*

NOTE In EN 14961-1:2010 there are listed Normative references of the European Standards for sampling and sample reduction and in EN 14961-4:2011 for determination of solid biofuel properties.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 14588:2010 and the following apply.

3.1

wood chips

chipped *woody biomass* in the form of pieces with a defined *particle size* produced by mechanical treatment with sharp tools such as knives

NOTE 1 Wood chips have a rectangular shape with a typical length 5 to 50 mm and a low thickness compared to other dimensions.

NOTE 2 See also cutter chips, forest chips, green chips, stemwood chips, and whole-tree chips in EN 14588:2010.

3.2

chemical treatment

treatment with chemicals other than air, water or heat

NOTE Examples of chemical treatment are listed in informative Annex C of EN 14961-1:2010.

3.3

impurities

material other than the raw material or fuel itself such as soil, stones, metal, plastic, glass