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Foreword

This document (EN 73:2014) 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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- a) an Introduction has been added;
- b) grids have been introduced in 5.1 to carry the test specimens.

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Introduction

During its service life, preservative-treated wood can be exposed to conditions which may cause the volatilization and removal of the wood preservative thereby reducing its effectiveness.

This European Standard provides a laboratory based method for ageing test blocks which are to be subject to biological testing.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies an evaporative ageing procedure, applicable to test specimens of wood which have been previously treated with a wood preservative, in order to evaluate any loss of effectiveness when these test specimens are subsequently subjected to biological tests.

2 Principle

Test specimens are prepared for biological testing of the effectiveness of wood preservatives against either fungi or insects using the appropriate standards methods. Test specimens are exposed, for a specified period, in a dust-free current of air of a defined velocity and temperature.

3 Equipment

3.1 A wind tunnel which is compartmented and fitted with devices for heating and distributing air.

The air shall be dust-free and shall not be polluted by chemical products which could have an effect on the test results.

The heating and distribution devices shall be such that the temperature and air velocity are maintained constant and uniform in each compartment.

The air leaving the tunnel shall be led away in such a manner that it cannot re-enter the tunnel.

3.2 A device which:

- a) controls the temperature within the defined limits stated in 5.2;
- b) measures and records the air temperature within the defined limits as stated in 5.2.

3.3 An anemometer capable of measuring air velocity of $(1 \pm 0,3)$ m/s.

4 Test specimens

4.1 Definitions and origin

The test specimens and their preparation are defined in the standards concerning the biological tests to which they are intended to be subjected.

The evaporative ageing procedure shall be carried out no more than 3 months after the end of the conditioning period that follows the treatment of the test specimens described in the relevant biological test standard. An alternative period can be used if specified by the product supplier. This shall be stated in the test report.

4.2 Number of test specimens

The number of test specimens shall allow the relevant biological tests to be carried out in accordance with the instructions in the appropriate standards, bearing in mind that the evaporative ageing procedure shall be applied equally to treated test specimens that are subjected to biological agents and to control test specimens.