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Foreword

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ISO 17201-3 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 43, *Acoustics*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Noise*.

ISO 17201 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Acoustics — Noise from shooting ranges*:

— *Part 1: Determination of muzzle blast by measurement*

— *Part 2: Estimation of muzzle blast and projectile sound by calculation*

— *Part 3: Guidelines for sound propagation calculations*

— *Part 4: Prediction of projectile sound*

— *Part 5: Noise management*

Introduction

The initiative to prepare a standard on impulse noise from shooting ranges was taken by the Association of European Manufacturers of Sporting Ammunition (AFEMS), in April 1996 by the submission of a formal proposal to CEN (see doc. CEN N 1085). After consultation in CEN in 1998, CEN/TC 211, *Acoustics*, asked ISO/TC 43, *Acoustics*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Noise* to prepare ISO 17201 (all parts).

This part of ISO 17201 provides guidance for sound propagation calculation of shooting sound from shooting ranges. If calculation procedures are not implied or specified by local or national guidelines, rules and regulations, and if a more sophisticated propagation model is not available, then ISO 9613-2 may be applied, provided that the recommendations in this part of ISO 17201 are observed.

The source energy of muzzle blast is typically measured or calculated for free-field conditions and often exhibits strong directivity. In many cases firearms are fired within a shooting range which has structures such as firing sheds, walls or safety barriers. Guns, particularly shotguns, are sometimes fired in many directions, e.g. in trap and skeet where the shooting direction is dictated by the flight path of the clay target. This part of ISO 17201 recommends ways in which source data can be adapted for use with ISO 9613-2 to obtain a general survey for the sound exposure levels to be expected in the neighbourhood of shooting ranges.

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Part 3:
Guidelines for sound propagation calculations

1 Scope

This part of ISO 17201 specifies methods of predicting sound exposure levels of shooting sound for a single shot at a given reception point. Guidelines are given to calculate other acoustic indices from the sound exposure level. The prediction is based on the angular source energy distribution of the muzzle blast as defined in ISO 17201-1 or calculated using values from ISO 17201-2.

This part of ISO 17201 applies to weapons with calibres of less than 20 mm or explosive charges of less than 50 g TNT equivalent, at distances where peak pressures, including the contribution from projectile sound, are less than 1 kPa (154 dB).

NOTE National or other regulations, which could be more stringent, can apply.

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.

ISO 9613-1, *Acoustics — Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors — Part 1: Calculation of the absorption of sound by the atmosphere*

ISO 9613-2:1996, *Acoustics — Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors — Part 2: General method of calculation*

ISO 17201-1:2005, *Acoustics — Noise from shooting ranges — Part 1: Determination of muzzle blast by measurement*

ISO 17201-2, *Acoustics — Noise from shooting ranges — Part 2: Estimation of muzzle blast and projectile sound by calculation*

ISO 17201-4, *Acoustics — Noise from shooting ranges — Part 4: Prediction of projectile sound*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

IEC 61672-1, *Electroacoustics — Sound level meters — Part 1: Specifications*