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according to their thermal insulation properties

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des matériaux utilisés dans la construction des bâtiments suivant leurs propriétés d'isolation thermique

Wärmeschutz. Klassifizierung von
Baustoffen gemäss ihren Wärmedämmeigenschaften

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1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This Report has been prepared with a view to harmonizing trade in building materials used primarily for the thermal insulation of buildings. It enables building materials to be classified (Clause 2) using a code to designate the different form, structure and chemical composition of the materials with particular regard to their thermal insulation properties. These materials may be produced in the factory or on site.

A standard form for a summarized description of the properties of a particular product is given in Clause 3.

Not all properties listed in the form will be applicable to each product. Therefore the number of properties to be specified in each individual case shall be subject to agreement.

In addition, a list is provided of those properties which can be of significance in terms of thermal insulating properties of the various building products (Clause 5). Test methods are also indicated, with the aid of which the relevant physical characteristics can be determined.

Wherever they exist, ISO test methods shall be used but since few relevant ISO test methods exist, the test methods published by the Standards Organizations of CEN Members may be used by agreement between manufacturer and user. Where these do not exist, the test methods of other bodies such as ASTM may be used. In all cases the test method used shall be stated.

This Report does not take into account any aspects pertaining to fire protection or sound insulation.