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## **European foreword**

This document (EN 527-2:2016) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 207 “Furniture”, the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

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This document supersedes EN 527-2:2002.

Compared to the previous version, modifications are:

- Test sequence and parameters are included, according to tests in EN 1730:2012 instead of EN 527-3:2003, which will be withdrawn;
- Suppression of A-deviation;
- Addition of an Annex B (informative) for an example of calculation for stiffness of the structure.

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## EN 527-2:2016 (E)

### 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies safety, strength and durability requirements for work tables and desks for office tasks to be undertaken in a seated, a sit-stand or standing position.

It does not apply to other tables in the office area, which are covered by EN 15372.

Annex A (informative) contains a test for the deflection of tables tops.

Annex B (informative) contains an example of calculation of the stiffness of the structure.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 1730:2012, *Furniture - Tables - Test methods for the determination of stability, strength and durability*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 3.1

##### **accessible part**

part to which access can easily be gained by the user when the table is in its intended configuration of use and for which the probability of unintentional user contact is high

#### 3.2

##### **part accessible during setting up and folding**

part to which access can only be gained when setting up and folding the table

#### 3.3

##### **shear and squeeze point**

gap which can cause harm to fingers and which occurs when two accessible parts move relative to each other

#### 3.4

##### **overturn**

event at which a table pivots to a point beyond which the table continues to fall

### 4 Safety requirements

#### 4.1 General

The table shall be designed so as to minimize the risk of injury to the user.

All parts of the table with which the user comes into contact during intended use, shall be designed so that physical injury and damage are avoided.

These requirements are fulfilled when:

- a) all accessible edges and corners are free from burrs and rounded or chamfered;
- b) the edges and corners of the top surfaces are chamfered not less than 1 mm by 1 mm or rounded with a radius of not less than 2 mm;



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