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## **European foreword**

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**EN 16900:2017 (E)****Introduction**

Fast pyrolysis bio-oils (FPBO) or fast pyrolysis liquids are completely different from petroleum fuels both in their physical properties and chemical composition. They are brownish liquids with a distinct and smoky odour. They can be produced from woody[2] biomass and agrobiomass (herbaceous[2]) and there is a wide range of reactor types are suitable for fast pyrolysis bio-oil production. Contrary to fossil fuels, they are highly polar, mainly water-soluble containing typically about 25 % (*m/m*) on wet basis) of water, acidic in nature, dense, and are viscous liquids, very poorly or not miscible with hydrocarbons [3, 6, 18, 19].



## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements and test methods for fast pyrolysis bio-oils for boiler use at industrial scale (>1 MW thermal capacity), not for domestic use. Two different grades are specified.

It is recommended to draw attention to differences especially in those properties, which can have an effect on the required flue gas treatment system, such as ash, nitrogen, and sulfur content. National and local regulations determine the requirements for flue gas treatment system.

In addition to the quality requirements and test methods for fast pyrolysis bio-oils, further instructions on storage (Annex A), sampling, and materials compatibility (Annex B) are given.

NOTE For the purposes of this European Standard, the term “% (m/m)” is used to represent respectively the mass fraction.

## 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 16476, *Liquid petroleum products - Determination of Sodium, Potassium, Calcium, Phosphorus, Copper and Zinc contents in diesel fuel - Method via Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometry (ICP OES)*

EN ISO 2719, *Determination of flash point - Pensky-Martens closed cup method (ISO 2719)*

EN ISO 3104, *Petroleum products - Transparent and opaque liquids - Determination of kinematic viscosity and calculation of dynamic viscosity (ISO 3104)*

EN ISO 3170:2004, *Petroleum liquids - Manual sampling (ISO 3170:2004)*

EN ISO 4259, *Petroleum products - Determination and application of precision data in relation to methods of test (ISO 4259)*

EN ISO 6245, *Petroleum products - Determination of ash (ISO 6245)*

EN ISO 9038, *Determination of sustained combustibility of liquids (ISO 9038)*

EN ISO 12185, *Crude petroleum and petroleum products - Determination of density - Oscillating U-tube method (ISO 12185)*

EN ISO 20846, *Petroleum products - Determination of sulfur content of automotive fuels - Ultraviolet fluorescence method (ISO 20846)*

ISO 3016, *Petroleum products — Determination of pour point*

ASTM E70, *Standard Test Method for pH of Aqueous Solutions with the Glass Electrode*

ASTM E203, *Standard Test Method for Water Using Volumetric Karl Fischer Titration*

ASTM D5291, *Standard Test Methods for Instrumental Determination of Carbon, Hydrogen, and Nitrogen in Petroleum Products and Lubricants*

ASTM D7579, *Standard Test Method for Pyrolysis Solids Content in Pyrolysis Liquids by Filtration of Solids in Methanol*

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