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## European foreword

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## EN 50655-2:2017

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the methods and requirements for fingerprinting (as defined in 3.13) of heat shrinkable components intended to be used for electrical insulation and/or electrical insulation and mechanical protection in cable accessories for low and medium voltage, as defined in EN 50393, HD 629.1 and HD 629.2.

Fingerprinting of materials does not have a mandatory link to type testing of accessories. It is regarded as a stand-alone test, but it may be carried out in combination with accessory type tests.

## 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 50393, *Test methods and requirements for accessories for use on distribution cables of rated voltage 0,6/1,0 (1,2) kV*

EN 60684-2, *Flexible insulating sleeving - Part 2: Methods of test (IEC 60684-2)*

EN ISO 1183 (series), *Plastics - Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics (ISO 1183 series)*

EN ISO 11357-3, *Plastics - Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) - Part 3: Determination of temperature and enthalpy of melting and crystallization (ISO 11357-3)*

EN ISO 11358-1, *Plastics - Thermogravimetry (TG) of polymers - Part 1: General principles (ISO 11358-1)*

HD 629.1, *Test requirements on accessories for use on power cables of rated voltage from 3,6/6(7,2) kV up to 20,8/36(42) kV - Part 1: Cables with extruded insulation*

HD 629.2, *Test requirements on accessories for use on power cables of rated voltage from 3,6/6(7,2) kV up to 20,8/36(42) kV - Part 2: Cables with impregnated paper insulation*

IEC 60050-461, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary - Part 461: Electric cables*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-461 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **heat shrinkable**

property of a polymeric component previously expanded to recover to its original shape when heated above an appropriate temperature

### 3.2

#### **heat-shrinkable components**

expanded polymeric extruded tubing or molded parts (single or multi-layer), which undergo thermally activated recovery when heated above an appropriate temperature

### 3.3

#### **tubing**

tube of heat shrink polymeric material cut to a predetermined length

### 3.4

#### **wraparound sleeve**

flat sheet of heat shrink polymeric material, which can be wrapped to form tubing



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