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## **European foreword**

This document (EN 73:2020) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 38 “Durability of wood and wood-based products”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by February 2021, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by February 2021.

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Compared to EN 73:2014 the following modifications have been made:

- change of title;
- inclusion of untreated wood, modified wood and wood-based panel products in the Scope;
- inclusion of a statement regarding the maximum period of time permitted between the completion of the ageing procedure and the start of the biological test procedure;
- inclusion of a requirement that this period of time be stated in the biological test report.

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## **EN 73:2020 (E)**

### **Introduction**

During its service life, preservative-treated wood can be exposed to conditions which may cause the volatilization and removal of the wood preservative thereby reducing its effectiveness.

This document provides a laboratory based method for ageing test specimens which are to be subject to biological testing.



## 1 Scope

This document specifies an evaporative ageing procedure, applicable to test specimens of wood and wood-based products which are subsequently subjected to biological tests.

NOTE The method can also be used for pre-conditioning of untreated wood, modified wood and wood-based panel products, whether they received preservative treatment or not.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp/ui>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

## 4 Principle

Test specimens are prepared for biological testing against either fungi or insects using the appropriate standards methods. Test specimens are exposed, for a specified period, in a dust-free current of air of a defined velocity and temperature.

## 5 Equipment

**5.1** A wind tunnel which is compartmented and fitted with devices for heating and distributing air.

The air shall be dust-free and shall not be polluted by chemical products which could have an effect on the results of biological testing.

The heating and distribution devices shall be such that the temperature and air velocity are maintained constant and uniform in each compartment.

The air leaving the tunnel shall be led away in such a manner that it cannot re-enter the tunnel.

**5.2** A device which:

- a) controls the temperature within the defined limits stated in 7.2;
- b) measures and records the air temperature within the defined limits as stated in 7.2.

**5.3** An anemometer capable to measuring air velocity of  $(1 \pm 0,3)$  m/s.

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