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### Introduction

The testing of solid recovered fuels (SRF) enables informed decisions about their subsequent handling and use. In order to carry out a test on a solid recovered fuel, a sample of the material is required. Before any sampling operation is devised, it is important that the objectives for sampling are clearly identified and subsequently well executed to ensure that the expectations of any involved parties are recognized and satisfied. The identification of objectives helps to define the level of testing required, e.g. thorough examination or routine testing, and in addition desired reliability of testing / assessment and frequency of testing. The sampling objectives, along with the sequence of operations required to fulfil them, are detailed in an overall sampling plan. After a sampling plan has been prepared, the sampling of SRF itself can be implemented.

This document is largely based on the work already done by CEN/TC 292 "*Characterization of waste*" (now integrated in CEN/TC 444 "*Environmental characterization of solid matrices*"), in particular EN 14899:2005<sup>[1]</sup> and CEN/TR 15310-1:2006<sup>[2]</sup>.

The main characteristic that makes SRF samples significantly different from other kinds of waste is that SRFs are very often solid, but neither "granular" nor monolithic; it often happens that SRF samples are fibrous-like materials. This typical characteristic of SRF implies that the statistical formula for sampling of EN 14899:2005 and CEN/TR 15310-1:2006, Annex D are not applicable without amendment. The "shape factor" ( $f$ ) is additionally needed in the statistical formula.

[Figure 1](#) shows the links between the essential elements of a testing program.

Sampling procedures are provided for a range of process streams and common storage conditions. The sampling technique adopted depends on a combination of different characteristics of the material and circumstances encountered at the sampling location. The determining factors are:

- the type of solid recovered fuel;
- the situation at the sampling location / the way in which the material occurs (e.g. in a stockpile, on a conveyor belt, in a lorry);
- the (expected) degree of heterogeneity (e.g. monostreams, mixed fuels, blended fuels).

This document is primarily geared toward laboratories, producers, suppliers and purchasers of solid recovered fuels, but is also useful for the authorities and inspection organizations.

Sampling of solid biofuels is described in ISO 18135<sup>[3]</sup>.

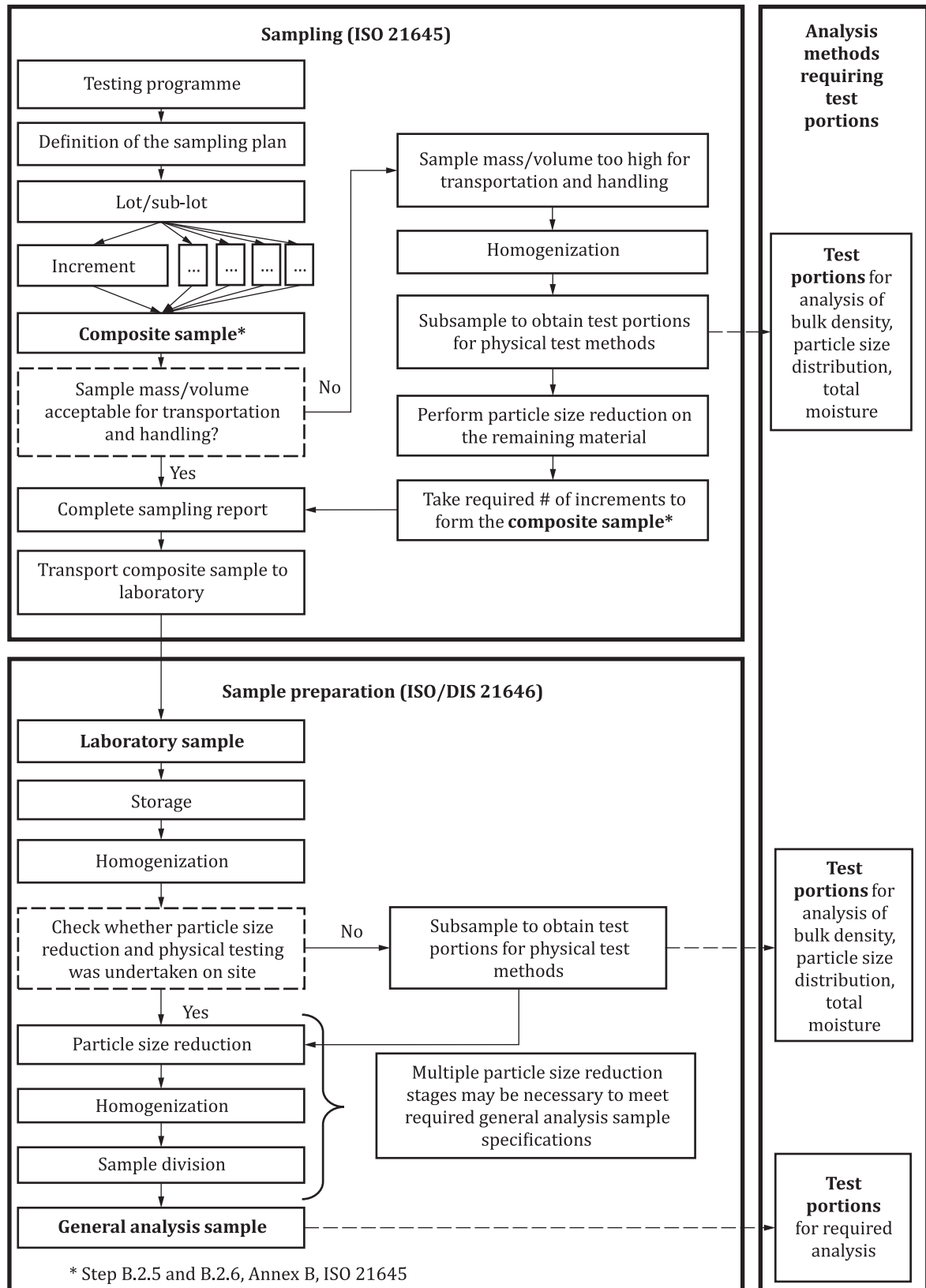


Figure 1 — Links between the essential elements of a testing program





# Solid recovered fuels — Methods for sampling

## 1 Scope

This document specifies methods for taking samples of solid recovered fuels for example from production plants, from deliveries or from stock. It includes manual and mechanical methods.

It is not applicable to solid recovered fuels that are formed by liquid or sludge, but it includes dewatered sludge.

## 2 Normative references

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ISO 21637, *Solid recovered fuels — Terminology, definitions and descriptions*

ISO 21640:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Solid recovered fuels — Specifications and classes*

ISO 21644, *Solid recovered fuels — Methods for the determination of biomass content*

ISO 21654, *Solid recovered fuels — Determination of calorific value*

ISO 21656, *Solid recovered fuels — Determination of ash content*

ISO 21660-3, *Solid recovered fuels — Determination of moisture content using the oven dry method — Part 3: Moisture in general analysis sample*

ISO 21663, *Solid recovered fuels — Methods for the determination of carbon (C), hydrogen (H) and nitrogen (N) content*

ISO 22167, *Solid recovered fuels — Determination of the content of volatile matter*

EN 15408, *Solid recovered fuels — Method for the determination of sulphur (S), chlorine (Cl), fluorine (F) and bromine (Br) content*

EN 15410, *Solid recovered fuels — Method for the determination of the content of major elements (Al, Ca, Fe, K, Mg, Na, P, Si, Ti)*

EN 15411, *Solid recovered fuels — Methods for the determination of the content of trace elements (As, Ba, Be, Cd, Co, Cr, Cu, Hg, Mo, Mn, Ni, Pb, Sb, Se, Tl, V and Zn)*

EN 15415-1, *Solid recovered fuels — Determination of particle size distribution — Part 1: Screen method for small dimension particles*

EN 15415-2, *Solid recovered fuels — Determination of particle size distribution — Part 2: Maximum projected length method (manual) for large dimension particles*

EN 15415-3, *Solid recovered fuels — Determination of particle size distribution — Part 3: Method by image analysis for large dimension particles*

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