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### Foreword

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# Plastics — Determination of the total luminous transmittance of transparent materials —

## Part 2: Double-beam instrument

### 1 Scope

This document covers the determination of the total luminous transmittance, in the visible region of the spectrum, of planar transparent plastics and substantially colourless plastics, using a double-beam scanning spectrophotometer. This document cannot be used for plastics which contain fluorescent materials.

This document is applicable to transparent moulding materials, films and sheets not exceeding 10 mm in thickness.

NOTE 1 Total luminous transmittance can also be determined by a single-beam instrument as in ISO 13468-1.

NOTE 2 Substantially colourless plastics include those which are faintly tinted.

NOTE 3 Specimens more than 10 mm thick can be measured provided the instrument can accommodate them, but the results cannot be comparable with those obtained using specimens less than 10 mm thick.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 291, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

CIE PUBLICATION NO 15, *Colorimetry*

CIE PUBLICATION NO <sup>1)</sup> 17, *International lighting vocabulary*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in CIE Publication No. 17 and the following apply.

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