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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 238, *Solid biofuels*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 17225-6:2014), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- Arsenic and chlorine values changed in Class B
- Ash melting behaviour added as an informative property
- Specification of pellets produced from cereal straw, miscanthus and reed canary grass has been included in [Table 1](#).

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Introduction

The objective of the ISO 17225 series is to provide unambiguous and clear classification principles for solid biofuels and to serve as a tool to enable efficient trading of biofuels and to enable good understanding between seller and buyer as well as a tool for communication with equipment manufacturers. It will also facilitate authority permission procedures and reporting.

This document supports the use of graded non-woody pellets in specially designed appliances for residential, small commercial and public buildings as well as industrial energy generation applications, which require classified pellet quality.

The residential, small commercial and public building appliances require higher quality fuel for the following reasons:

- Small-scale equipment does not usually have advanced controls and flue gas cleaning
- Appliances are not generally managed by professional heating engineers
- Appliances are often located in residential and populated districts

Non-woody pellets have high ash, chlorine (Cl), nitrogen (N) and sulfur (S) content and major element contents, so non-woody pellets are recommended to be used in appliances, which are specially designed or adjusted for this kind of pellet.

In general, non-woody biomass materials have higher content of ash forming elements and produces ashes with lower melting temperature compared to most woody biomass. Be aware that herbaceous or fruit biomass may influence the fuel ash composition differently depending on growth and soil conditions. This may result in fouling, slagging and corrosion inside boilers. These problems are especially related to materials that have high content of potassium (K) and silicate (Si) and low content of calcium (Ca). The content of chlorine (Cl), phosphate (P) and potassium (K) in the material may form chlorides and phosphorous and other chemical compounds resulting in high hydrochloric emissions and chemically active ash causing corrosion. Special attention should be paid to the risk of corrosion in small and medium scale boilers and flue gas systems. Blending with woody biomass can improve the combustion characteristics.

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Solid biofuels — Fuel specifications and classes —

Part 6: Graded non-woody pellets

1 Scope

This document determines the fuel quality classes and specifications of graded non-woody pellets. This document covers only non-woody pellets produced from the following raw material (see ISO 17225-1:2021, Table 1):

- 2 Herbaceous biomass
- 3 Fruit biomass
- 4 Aquatic biomass
- 5 Biomass blends and mixtures

NOTE 1 Herbaceous biomass originates from plants that have a non-woody stem and which die back at the end of the growing season. It includes grains or seeds crops from food production or processing industry and their by-products such as cereals.

NOTE 2 Blends and mixtures include blends and mixtures from the main origin-based solid biofuel groups woody biomass, herbaceous biomass, fruit biomass and aquatic biomass.

Blends are intentionally mixed biofuels, whereas mixtures are unintentionally mixed biofuels. The origin of the blend and mixture is to be described using ISO 17225-1:2021, Table 1.

If solid biofuel blend or mixture contains chemically treated material it shall be stated.

NOTE 3 Thermally treated biomass pellets (e.g. torrefied pellets) are not included in the scope of this document.

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 14780, *Solid biofuels — Sample preparation*

ISO 16559, *Solid biofuels — Terminology, definitions and descriptions*

ISO 16948, *Solid biofuels — Determination of total content of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen*

ISO 16968, *Solid biofuels — Determination of minor elements*

ISO 16994, *Solid biofuels — Determination of total content of sulfur and chlorine*

ISO 17225-1:2021, *Solid biofuels — Solid biofuels – Part 1 – General requirements*

ISO 17828, *Solid biofuels — Determination of bulk density*

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