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#### SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE** This Standard specifies a test method for the determination of the combustibility of a building material within the criteria given in Clause 3.4.

WARNING: SO THAT SUITABLE PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN TO SAFEGUARD HEALTH, THE ATTENTION OF ALL PERSONS CONCERNED IN FIRE TESTS IS DRAWN TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT HARMFUL GASES MAY BE EVOLVED DURING THE COMBUSTION OF TEST SPECIMENS.

**1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS** The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

2484 Fire—Glossary of terms

2484.1 Part 1: Fire tests

BS

4937 International thermocouple reference tables

ISO

- 1182 Fire tests—Building materials—Non-combustibility test
- **1.3 DEFINITIONS** For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions given in AS 2484.1 shall apply.
- **1.4 APPLICATION TO FIRE HAZARD ASSESSMENT** The test results relate only to the behaviour of the test specimens of the material under the particular conditions of the test, and are not intended to be the sole criteria for assessing the potential fire hazard of the material in use.

The test method is not applicable to products which are coated, faced or laminated. In such cases, tests may be carried out separately on the individual materials from which the product is formed and this shall be clearly stated in the test report.

NOTE: The performance of coated, faced or laminated products may be determined by other reaction to fire tests (see Paragraph A1 of Appendix A).



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