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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 326-3:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 112 "Wood-based panels", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by May 2004, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by May 2004.

This standard is one of a series on sampling, cutting and inspection of wood-based panels. The other parts of this series are listed in clause 2.

This European Standard supersedes EN 326-3:1998. Compared to the version EN 326-3:1998 the following modifications have been made:

- a) The title has been changed to 'isolated' lot.
- b) Inspection lot sizes and sample sizes modified taking into account ISO 2859-2 for isolated lot inspection.
- c) Different sample sizes are given depending whether or not the production is controlled according to EN 326-2.

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**EN 326-3:2003 (E)****1 Scope**

This European Standard specifies methods for the verification of compliance of one or more properties of an isolated lot of wood-based panels with the requirements of the relevant EN specification standards. Different sample sizes are given depending on whether or not the production is controlled according to EN 326-2.

For panels, the production of which is controlled in accordance to EN 326-2 this European Standard can be used in case of a dispute. It is not applicable for the factory production control. For these purposes, EN 326-2 applies.

In this standard, verification of compliance is based on the testing of small test pieces.

**2 Normative references**

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 326-1:1994, *Wood-based panels — Sampling, cutting and inspection — Part 1: Sampling and cutting of test pieces and expression of test results.*

EN 326-2, *Wood-based panels — Sampling, cutting and inspection — Part 2: Quality control in the factory.*

ISO 2859-1, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes — Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptable quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection.*

ISO 2859-2, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes — Part 2: Sampling plans indexed by limiting quality (LQ) for isolated lot inspection.*

**3 Symbol****3.1 Letter symbols** (see also EN 326-1 and EN 326-2)

<i>Ac</i>	Acceptance number
<i>AQL</i>	Acceptable quality level
<i>L</i>	Lower specification limit
<i>m</i>	Number of test pieces cut from each single panel of the sample, in either direction
<i>n</i>	Sample size (number of panels)
<i>N</i>	Number of panels in one lot, i.e. lot size
<i>Re</i>	Rejection number
<i>t</i>	Single-sided 5 % value factor related to the number of panels
<i>U</i>	Upper specification limit

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