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## Foreword

This document (EN 14617-11:2005) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 246 “Natural stones”, the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

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### 1 Scope

The present document specifies a test method to determine the linear thermal expansion coefficient of agglomerated stones used for internal/external flooring or walling in building.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

Not applicable.

### 3 Principle

The principle of the determination of the linear thermal expansion coefficient consists of measuring the variation in length of a sample of agglomerated stone during a temperature change. The temperature change is achieved by heating or cooling the sample through a programmed cycle. A suitable dilatometer measures the expansion or the shrinkage of the sample, relatively to the initial length.

### 4 Symbols and definitions

$\alpha$  = linear thermal expansion coefficient of the material ( $^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$ )

$L_0$  = length of the test sample at any initial temperature (mm)

$\Delta L$  = expansion or shrinkage of the sample during heating/cooling in a temperature range (mm)

$\Delta T$  = temperature range over which the change in length of the sample is measured ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

### 5 Apparatus

**5.1** A dilatometer consisting of a frame holding the expansion sensor, the sample holder and the moving slide for the furnace shift.

**5.2** A furnace, compatible with the moving slide of the dilatometer and governed by a personal computer, able to cover a temperature range between room temperature and at least  $+150^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

**5.3** A measuring system consisting of a sample holder and a push rod, used to transfer the length change of the material out of the heated zone to the connected measuring device.

**5.4** A temperature sensor that measures the temperature directly in contact with the sample.

**5.5** A personal computer connected to the instrument for the data acquisition and elaboration.

**5.6** A manual linear measuring device with an accuracy of 0,05 mm.

### 6 Dimensions of the specimens

The shape and dimensions of the test specimen must be suitable for the dimensions of the dilatation sample holders. A length of the specimen not smaller than 10 mm is necessary to get sufficient representativeness for agglomerated stones with maximum grit size up to 6 mm. For samples of agglomerated stone materials with maximum grit size between 2 mm and 6 mm the measure has to be repeated on at least three different samples in

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