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Foreword

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Comments or suggestions from the users of the CEN Workshop Agreement are welcome and should be addressed to the CEN Management Centre.

Significance and Use

Uncertainty is a parameter that characterises the interval about the measurement or test result within which the measurand can reasonably be assumed to lie. It quantifies the precision of the test result and it reflects the limitations of the test procedure, test system, and the level of controlling the parameters influencing the test.

Every new or revised European Standard must address measurement uncertainty[1]. Each standard should include a process for uncertainty evaluation and/or values of precision (i.e. repeatability and reproducibility).

Each Part of this Agreement can be used as a stand-alone document. It can also be used in conjunction with the relevant test standard subject to the decisions of technical committee responsible for the test standard on how it should be used.

Unless stated otherwise in the test standard, the procedures described in this Agreement are normally required to satisfy one or more of the following:

1 Specific customer demands. [In such cases the following should be agreed *prior* to performing the test programme: (i) the test or tests for which uncertainties are to be evaluated, (ii) permissible deviations, if any, from the procedures in this Agreement, and (iii) an estimate of any additional work and cost required for performing the uncertainty analyses and who pays this cost.]

2 Demonstrate the ability to perform the analyses to an accreditation authority

3 In cases of dispute concerning the precision of a test result

4 For the test laboratory to understand which aspects of the test procedure have the greatest effects on the results so that they may be improved or closely monitored

The analyses are not normally required for release tests if the uncertainties have already been taken account of in setting the specification values.

For a meaningful estimate of uncertainty, care should be taken in ensuring that, at least, all primary sources of uncertainty are included and their effects are properly quantified in the analyses. Care should also be taken in reporting and interpreting the results of the calculations.

[1] Resolution BT 21/2003 of CEN Technical Board, which is based on "Uncertainty of Measurement: Recommendations Report", CEN BT WG 122, June 2002.