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## **Foreword**

This document (CEN/TS 15358:2006) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 343 “Solid recovered fuels”, the secretariat of which is held by SFS.

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## **Introduction**

In the context of solid recovered fuels (SRF) production, the Quality Management (QM) strategy is mainly based on the fact that, by increasing knowledge about the whole production-process, it is possible to reduce the amount of sampling and testing to be carried out on the final products. This strategy is expressed by good Quality Management Procedures in the manufacturing process, including good record-keeping. In the context of SRF, Quality Management offers a route through which the confidence of customers and regulators can be established and maintained.

The goal of this Technical Specification is the development of a Quality Management System (QMS) for SRF production and trade that provides for continual improvement, emphasising the fulfilment of quality requirements.

This Technical Specification is a base for developing a QMS for a SRF supplier organization which has not earlier established a QMS. It can also be used as a supporting document for a supplier which already has a QMS established.

This Technical Specification, coupled with applicable customer-specific requirements and the normative references specified in Clause 2, defines the fundamental quality management system requirements for those subscribing to this Technical Specification.

The development of a quality management system for solid recovered fuels based on this TS does not involve a compulsory third party certification, however this certification is recommended.

The emphasis of this Technical Specification is on:

- 1) giving wider confidence to the production and trading of SRF;
- 2) defining the documentation to be used for internal procedures and communicating to all parties the specifications needed to ensure the achievement of the quality objectives;
- 3) verifying the origin and demonstrating the properties of the input materials (i.e. non hazardous wastes).

The Quality Management Systems accords with EN ISO 9001 to cover the whole process from the point of waste reception to the point of delivery of SRF to the customer. Quality Management Systems have several important features, including the definition of:

- a) key steps in the process;
- b) person(s) who is/are responsible for each step of the process, and for the overall co-ordination of quality-management;
- c) training – policies and procedures for execution;
- d) procedures for production;
- e) procedures for record-keeping, to provide full traceability;
- f) procedures for dealing with failures, and self-improvement;
- g) procedures for the development of the processing.

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