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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 15659:2009) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 263 “Secure storage of cash, valuables and data media”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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## **Introduction**

The testing conditions given in this European Standard provide a basis for simulating fires to determine, in a reproducible way, the fire resistance of light fire storage units at various protection levels. The protection levels enable a comparison to be made of the resistance against fire provided by different constructions.

The threshold value for the maximum temperature increase of 150 K at every measuring point in the protection levels LFS 30 P and LFS 60 P for light fire storage units from a starting temperature of  $(21 \pm 1)^\circ\text{C}$ , as defined in this European Standard, refers to the relatively short-term stress due to high temperatures during a fire test. It is not normally experienced by paper media stored in light fire storage units in the normal and correct way.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements for light fire storage units providing protection against fire.

The method of test is specified to determine the ability of light fire storage units to protect paper media from the effects of fire. Two levels of fire exposure periods (LFS 30 P and LFS 60 P) are specified using the maximum temperature increase permitted within the storage space of the light fire storage unit.

Requirements are also specified for the test specimen, the technical documentation for the test specimen, correlation of the test specimen with the technical documentation, preparation for type testing and test procedures.

A scheme to classify the light fire storage units from the test results is also given (see Table 1).

## 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.

EN 1363-1:1999, *Fire resistance tests — Part 1: General requirements*

EN 60584-1, *Thermocouples — Part 1: Reference tables (IEC 60584-1:1995)*.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### **light fire storage unit**

storage unit designed to protect paper media, except for paper grades where data loss occurs at temperatures below 172°C, as well as valuables against the effects of temperatures up to 172°C

NOTE A light fire storage unit can have doors, drawers, lids, connections and fittings.

### 3.2

#### **compartment**

part of a light fire storage unit which can be closed with a separate door, lid or cover

NOTE A compartment formed by inserting a shelf board is not a compartment within the meaning of this standard.

### 3.3

#### **lock**

device which verifies an entered code and performs a blocking function on the boltwork or the door

## 4 Requirements, classification and locks

**4.1** Light fire storage units shall provide protection against the effects of fire (see Clause 6) and be classified as specified in Table 1.

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