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Foreword

This document (EN 413-1:2011) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 51 "Cement and building limes", the secretariat of which is held by NBN.

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This document supersedes EN 413-1:2004.

The European Standard, EN 413, “Masonry cement”, consists of the following parts:

Part 1: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria;

Part 2: Test methods.

This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive(s).

For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

EN 413-1 has been prepared to provide a range of materials from which users of EN 998-1, EN 998-2 and EN 1996-1-1 (Eurocode 6) can select with confidence to achieve the level of strength and durability required of masonry and rendering.

The main changes from EN 413-1:2004 are as follows:

- introduction of a class MC 22,5 (air-entrained) cement;
- removal of references to EN 459-2 for compressive strength testing;
- the upper limit for SO_3 content is increased.

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Introduction

Masonry cement should be defined and specified precisely with sufficiently stringent requirements to satisfy those who are responsible for the design and construction of buildings and other structures for maximum safety and durability.

This European Standard is a carefully balanced document that has been thoroughly discussed, taking into account the need to provide clear definitions and specifications and to arrive at a usable standard.

The requirements of this European Standard are, where appropriate, based on the results from tests on masonry cement in accordance with EN 196 'Methods of testing cement'. Strength is measured on a standard mortar prepared in accordance with EN 196-1 with a fixed water/cement ratio and compacted using the equipment described in EN 196-1. However, some additional tests have been found necessary and these tests are described in EN 413-2.

CEN/TC 51 recognises the importance of workability (cohesivity at standard consistence) of mortars prepared from masonry cements. A test method is available in CR 13933, and in which results of a test programme are also given. This test method was not found valid for standard requirement purposes due to its lack of reproducibility, however it provides valuable information for the manufacturers and users on the property in use of masonry cements.

The properties of bond and durability (resistance to frost and/or chemical attack) of mortars are very important and appropriate mortar tests are being developed by CEN/TC 125, Masonry. In many applications, particularly in severe environmental conditions, the choice of the type/class of masonry cement from EN 413-1 can influence the durability of mortar, e.g. in respect of frost and chemical resistance.