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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 16402:2013) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 139 "Paints and varnishes", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by April 2014, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 2014.

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## **Introduction**

This European Standard refers to the horizontal method (see CEN/TS 16516) for emission testing of construction products (developed in according to the Mandate M/366) and specifies the product specific details for architectural coatings and the product categories described in Clause 5.

The Construction Products Regulation (CPR) covers only coatings that are of influence to the construction and does not include architectural coatings.

Both CPR covered coatings and architectural coatings not covered by CPR may be tested according to this European Standard.

The determination of emission into indoor air is to be made under the conditions of use during the service life. The determination of emissions specified in this European Standard is associated with an emission scenario which specifies the climate and ventilation conditions of the air surrounding the product in a reference room. It is not applicable for the determination of emissions during the application.

A reference room is needed since it is not possible to evaluate emissions by testing in all possible use situations. The reference room dimensions and the resulting loading factors, the climate and ventilation conditions are the reference representing the general indoor air conditions. Based on the huge amount of available European experience, it was possible to identify one emission scenario and one reference room including a set of loading factors to be used.

This method is using a test chamber in which emissions are generated under conditions maintained constant during the test. These conditions are selected so that the results could be expressed either as emission rates or converted to concentrations in the reference room by calculations within the ranges where such calculations are valid.

This European Standard also addresses separately (see Clause 14 and informative Annex A) the simplified test methods, indirect test methods, secondary/alternative test methods that provide within their specific field of application a result comparable or correlated to the result of the reference method. Such methods can be easier to apply and/or cheaper. They can be used especially for Factory Production Control testing (FPC).

The aim of this European Standard is not to develop a new testing method but to combine by normative references the use of existing standards complemented, when necessary, with additional and/or modified requirements so that architectural coatings can be evaluated under comparable conditions with regard to emission into indoor air.

In particular, the horizontal test methods for emission testing of construction products (see CEN/TS 16516) as developed regarding to Mandate M/366 have been considered and will be taken into account for further revisions of this European Standard to ensure that comparable methods are applied for construction products as defined in Mandate M/366 and coatings covered by this European Standard.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a reference method for the determination of emissions from coatings into indoor air. This method is applicable to volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds and volatile aldehydes.

**NOTE** This European Standard is aimed at describing the overall procedure and makes use of existing standards mainly by normative reference complemented when necessary with additional or modified normative requirements.

This European Standard applies to coatings for indoor use as listed in Clause 5. It is not applicable to coatings that are applied off site or coatings that are applied on site, prior to the structure being permanently weatherproof. It is not applicable for tinting pastes that are not ready for use as coating.

It is mainly aimed at determining emission data in indoor air for the purpose of voluntary labelling of products but may also be used for CE marking and associated Attestation of Conformity in the case of products that are covered by the Construction Products Regulation.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 1232, *Workplace atmospheres - Pumps for personal sampling of chemical agents - Requirements and test methods*

EN 13300, *Paints and varnishes - Water-borne coating materials and coating systems for interior walls and ceilings - Classification*

EN 15824, *Specifications for external renders and internal plasters based on organic binders*

EN ISO 16000-9:2006, *Indoor air - Part 9: Determination of the emission of volatile organic compounds from building products and furnishing - Emission test chamber method (ISO 16000-9:2006)*

EN ISO 16000-11:2006, *Indoor air - Part 11: Determination of the emission of volatile organic compounds from building products and furnishing - Sampling, storage of samples and preparation of test specimens (ISO 16000-11:2006)*

EN ISO 16017-1, *Indoor, ambient and workplace air - Sampling and analysis of volatile organic compounds by sorbent tube/thermal desorption/capillary gas chromatography - Part 1: Pumped sampling (ISO 16017-1)*

ISO 554, *Standard atmospheres for conditioning and/or testing — Specifications*

ISO 16000-3:2011, *Indoor air — Part 3: Determination of formaldehyde and other carbonyl compounds in indoor air and test chamber air — Active sampling method*

ISO 16000-6:2011, *Indoor air — Part 6: Determination of volatile organic compounds in indoor and test chamber air by active sampling on Tenax TA sorbent, thermal desorption and gas chromatography using MS or MS-FID*



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