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**EN 13501-6:2014 (E)****Foreword**

This document (EN 13501-6:2014) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 127 “Fire safety in buildings”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by September 2014, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 2014.

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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) N°305/2011.

CEN, CENELEC and EOTA committees preparing technical specifications, which contain performance requirements against reaction to fire tests, should make reference to the reaction to fire classification given in this European Standard and not refer directly to any specific fire test method.

This document has been prepared in cooperation with CLC/TC 20 “Electric cables”, CLC/TC 46X “Communication cables” and CLC/TC 86A “Optical fibre cables”.

EN 13501 *Fire classification of construction products and building elements* consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests;*
- *Part 2: Classification using data from fire resistance tests, excluding ventilation services;*
- *Part 3: Classification using data from fire resistance tests on products and elements used in building service installations: fire resisting ducts and fire dampers;*
- *Part 4: Classification using data from fire resistance tests on components of smoke control systems;*
- *Part 5: Classification using data from external fire exposure to roofs tests;*
- *Part 6: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests on electric cables.*

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## **Introduction**

The aim of this European Standard is to define a harmonized procedure for the classification of reaction to fire of electric cables. This classification is based on the test procedures listed in Clause 5.

This European Standard has been prepared in support of the second essential requirement in the EC Construction Products Regulation (EU) N°305/2011 and as detailed in the Interpretative Document Number 2: Safety in case of fire (OJ C62 Vol. 37).

Background information on the Commission Decision regarding the classification of the reaction to fire performance of electric cables is given in Annex B.

There is a procedure by which certain products can be assigned a particular fire classification without the need for testing. Such products have well established reaction to fire performance and have been agreed by the Standing Committee on Construction. Agreements relating to such products which may be 'classified without further testing' (CWFT) are published in the Official Journal of the EC and are listed on the Nando-CPD database on the EC website (<http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/construction>).

Part 1 of this European Standard covers classification resulting from reaction to fire tests for products other than electric cables.

Parts 2, 3 and 4 of this European Standard are concerned with classification resulting from fire resistance tests.

Part 5 covers classification resulting from tests for external fire exposure to roofs.

**EN 13501-6:2014 (E)****1 Scope**

This European Standard provides the reaction to fire classification procedure for electric cables.

NOTE For the purpose of this European Standard the term “electric cables” covers all power, control and communication cables, including optical fibre cables.

**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 50267-2-3, *Common test methods for cables under fire conditions — Tests on gases evolved during combustion of material from cables — Part 2-3: Procedures - Determination of degree of acidity of gases for cables by determination of the weighted average of pH and conductivity*

EN 50399, *Common test methods for cables under fire conditions — Heat release and smoke production measurement on cables during flame spread test — Test apparatus, procedures, results*

prEN 50575, *Power, control and communication cables — Cables for general applications in construction works subject to reaction to fire requirements*

CLC/FprTS 50576, *Electric cables, extended application of test results*

EN 60332-1-2:2004, *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions — Part 1-2: Test for vertical flame propagation for a single insulated wire or cable — Procedure for 1 kW pre-mixed flame (IEC 60332-1-2:2004)*

EN 61034-2, *Measurement of smoke density of cables burning under defined conditions — Part 2: Test procedure and requirements (IEC 61034-2)*

EN ISO 1716, *Reaction to fire tests for products — Determination of the gross heat of combustion (calorific value) (ISO 1716)*

**3 Terms, definitions and symbols****3.1 Terms and definitions**

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

NOTE Where the definitions are identical to those in EN ISO 13943, this is indicated.

**3.1.1****product**

material, element or component about which information is required, in the context of this standard, the product is an electric cable about which information is required

**3.1.2****material**

single basic substance or uniformly dispersed mixture of substances



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