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Foreword

This document (EN 14961-6:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 335 “Solid biofuels”, the secretariat of which is held by SIS.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by July 2012, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by July 2012.

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EN 14961 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Solid biofuels — Fuel specifications and classes*:

- *Part 1: General requirements;*
- *Part 2: Wood pellets for non-industrial use;*
- *Part 3: Wood briquettes for non-industrial use;*
- *Part 4: Wood chips for non-industrial use;*
- *Part 5: Firewood for non-industrial use;*
- *Part 6: Non-woody pellets for non-industrial use.*

Although these product standards may be obtained separately, they require a general understanding of the standards based on and supporting EN 14961-1. It is recommended to obtain and use EN 14961-1 in conjunction with these standards.

NOTE In these product standards, non-industrial use means - fuel intended to be used in smaller appliances, such as in households and small commercial and public sector buildings.

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Introduction

This European Standard for *Solid biofuels — Fuel specifications and classes — Part 6: Non-woody pellets for non-industrial use* has been produced by CEN/TC 335, "Solid Biofuels", Working group "Fuel specifications, classes and quality assurance".

The objective of this European Standard is to provide unambiguous and clear classification principles for solid biofuels and to serve as a tool to enable efficient trading of biofuels and to enable good understanding between seller and buyer as well as a tool for communication with equipment manufacturers. It will also facilitate authority permission procedures and reporting.

This European Standard is made to support the use of non-woody pellets in non-industrial situations and specifically for the domestic/householder markets and smaller commercial boiler situations, where sensitivity to the fuel quality can cause major issues. Non-woody pellets have high ash, chlorine, nitrogen and sulphur content and major element contents, so non-woody pellets are recommended to be used in appliances, which are specially designed or adjusted for this kind of pellet.

These consumers need special consideration for the following reasons:

- 1) small-scale equipment does not usually have advanced controls and flue gas cleaning;
- 2) it is not generally managed by professional heating engineers;
- 3) they are often located in residential and populated districts.

NOTE 1 Pellets produced according to this European Standard can be used in pellet burners tested according to EN 15270 and pellet boilers or integrated-pellet burner systems tested according to prEN 303-5 ($\leq 500 \text{ kW}_{\text{th}}$).

NOTE 2 When using non-woody materials for combustion special attention should be paid to the risk of corrosion in small- and medium scale boilers and flue gas system. Be aware that for different types of herbaceous or fruit biomass growth under different conditions and soil type, may influence the fuel ash composition, e.g. in soil with a high phosphorus (P) content, potassium (K), that will capture chlorine (K will form K-phosphates instead of KCl) in the ash that will result in high hydrochloric emissions.

NOTE 3 In general non-woody biomass materials have higher content of ash forming elements and lower ash melting temperature compared to most wood based materials, which may result in slagging and deposit problems inside the boiler. These problems are especially related to materials that contain high content of potassium (K) and silicate (Si) and low content of calcium (Ca).

1 Scope

This European standard determines the fuel quality classes and specifications of non-woody pellets for non-industrial use. This European standard covers only non-woody pellets produced from the following raw material (see EN 14961-1:2010, Table 1):

— 2 Herbaceous biomass.

NOTE 1 *Herbaceous biomass* is from plants that have a non-woody stem and which die back at the end of the growing season. It includes grains or seeds crops from food processing industry and their by-products such as cereal straw:

— 3 Fruit biomass;

— 4 Biomass blends and mixtures.

NOTE 2 Group 4 *Blends and mixtures* include blends and mixtures from the main origin-based solid biofuel groups woody, herbaceous biomass and fruit biomass.

Blends are intentionally mixed biofuels, whereas mixtures are unintentionally mixed biofuels. The origin of the blend and mixture should be described using EN 14961-1:2010, Table 1.

If solid biofuel blend or mixture contains chemically treated material, it should be stated.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this standard. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 14588:2010, *Solid biofuels — Terminology, definitions and descriptions*

EN 14774-1, *Solid biofuels — Determination of moisture content — Oven dry method — Part 1: Total moisture — Reference method*

EN 14774-2, *Solid biofuels — Determination of moisture content — Oven dry method — Part 2: Total moisture — Simplified method*

EN 14775, *Solid biofuels — Determination of ash content*

EN 14918, *Solid biofuels — Determination of calorific value*

EN 14961-1:2010, *Solid biofuels — Fuel specifications and classes — Part 1: General requirements*

EN 15103, *Solid biofuels — Determination of bulk density*

EN 15104, *Solid biofuels — Determination of total content of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen — Instrumental methods*

EN 15210-1, *Solid biofuels — Determination of mechanical durability of pellets and briquettes — Part 1: Pellets*

EN 15234-6, *Solid biofuels — Fuel quality assurance — Part 6. Non-woody pellets for non-industrial use*

EN 15289, *Solid biofuels — Determination of total content of sulfur and chlorine*

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