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## EN 12164:2016 (E)

## European foreword

This document (EN 12164:2016) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 133 “Copper and copper alloys”, 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by January 2017, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by January 2017.

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Within its programme of work, Technical Committee CEN/TC 133 requested CEN/TC 133/WG 4 “Extruded and drawn products, forgings and scrap” to revise the following standard:

— EN 12164:2011, *Copper and copper alloys — Rod for free machining purposes.*

This document is one of a series of European Standards for the copper and copper alloy products rod, wire, profile and forgings. Other products are specified as follows:

- EN 12163, *Copper and copper alloys — Rod for general purposes;*
- EN 12165, *Copper and copper alloys — Wrought and unwrought forging stock;*
- EN 12166, *Copper and copper alloys — Wire for general purposes;*
- EN 12167, *Copper and copper alloys — Profiles and bars for general purposes;*
- EN 12168, *Copper and copper alloys — Hollow rod for free machining purposes;*
- EN 13601, *Copper and copper alloys — Copper rod, bar and wire for general electrical purposes;*
- EN 13602, *Copper and copper alloys — Drawn, round copper wire for the manufacture of electrical conductors;*
- EN 13605, *Copper and copper alloys — Copper profiles and profiled wire for electrical purposes.*

In comparison with EN 12164:2011, the following significant technical changes were made:

- a) addition of four new materials: CuZn37Pb1 (CW605N), CuZn35Pb1,5AlAs (CW625N), CuZn33Pb1,5AlAs (CW626N) and CuZn33Pb1AlSiAs (CW725R) due to the market requirements on restriction of lead and modification of the chemical composition for CuZn39Pb1 (CW611N);
- b) introduction of an optional procedure how to refer to restrictions to the chemical composition imposed by the 4 MS Common Composition List for materials used for products accepted for contact with drinking water;
- c) requirements and test methods for resistance of dezincification modified;
- d) provisions for surface quality added;



e) mechanical properties for CuZn21Si3P (CW724R) modified.

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## **1 Scope**

This European Standard specifies the composition, property requirements and dimensional tolerances for copper alloy rod, in the shape of circles, squares, hexagons or octagons, finally produced by drawing or extruding, especially intended for free machining purposes.

The sampling procedures and the methods of test for verification of conformity to the requirements of this European Standard are also specified.

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