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European foreword

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EN 12440:2017 (E)**Introduction**

The International marketing of natural stone has introduced a great number of names to designate the different varieties of stone. Most of them are traditional names and usually reflect the typical colour and/or other natural features and the place of origin of the stone, although this is not always the case.

Sometimes, the name of a variety includes terms related to the geological classification of the rock (such as granite, marble, quartzite, etc) that may or may not coincide with the accurate petrological name of the rock. Other times the same name is used to denominate different stones or similar varieties are denominated with different names.

The objective of this standard is to unify the designation criteria of natural stone varieties, maintaining the traditional names and introducing terms related to its petrologic nature, typical colour and place of origin.

Informative Annex A provides a non-exhaustive provisional list of the names under which most stones from each contributing European country are known. This list is subjected to revision in future editions.

1 Scope

This European Standard establishes the criteria for the designation of natural stone from raw material to finished products.

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 1469, *Natural stone products - Slabs for cladding - Requirements*

EN 12407, *Natural stone test methods - Petrographic examination*

EN 12670:2001, *Natural stone - Terminology*

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