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European foreword

This document (EN 17077:2018) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 305 “Potentially explosive atmospheres – Explosion prevention and protection”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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EN 17077:2018 (E)**Introduction**

This document specifies a method for experimental determination of the burning behaviour of dust layers.

The determination of burning behaviour of a dust layer is a screening test required to assess the type and magnitude of the fire risk associated with the dust.

The determination of the burning behaviour enables assessment of whether a material layer, when in contact with an external ignition source shows a reaction (e.g. ignition, smouldering). It also measures the ability of the locally induced reaction to propagate through the material in bulk or layer form. The behaviour in the test is characterized as a class number (burning class).

The burning class allows qualitative estimations on the burning behaviour of a dust layer as well as on the probability of transfer of glowing particles and glowing nests from upstream connected parts of a plant. It is therefore in certain cases a basis for explosion prevention and protection measures. In addition to that the burning class is used as basis to decide whether fire prevention and protection measures are necessary.

Therefore this document gives added values to the following clauses of the EU directives:

Directive 2014/34/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres.

The burning behaviour can be markedly affected by physical characteristics (e.g. particle size, packing density) and external factors (e.g. temperature, air movement across the surface of the dust). To obtain comparable and reliable results, it is necessary to standardize the conditions under which the burning behaviour is measured. Further testing may be required for those substances which melt or for which rapid propagation of the combustion reaction is observed in the initial test.

If additional information is requested for labelling of the substances according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (i.e. whether labelling as H228: flammable solid is appropriate) and if testing according to this standard leads to a determination of burning class 4 or 5, then further testing according to the UN (United Nations) Manual of Tests and criteria test N.1 [3] is required.

1 Scope

This European Standard describes a test method for the determination of the burning behaviour of dust layers under defined initial conditions of air flow, temperature and ignition.

A test result of “burning class 1” with the described method does not mean that a dust cannot be ignited when dispersed in a cloud.

This method is not suitable for use with recognized explosives, like gunpowder and dynamite, explosives which do not require atmospheric oxygen for combustion, pyrophoric substances, or substances or mixtures of substances which may under some circumstances behave in a similar manner. Expert advice should be called in, when any doubt exists about the existence of hazard due to explosive properties.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 1127-1:2011, *Explosive atmospheres — Explosion prevention and protection — Part 1: Basic concepts and methodology*

EN 13237:2012, *Potentially explosive atmospheres — Terms and definitions for equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres*

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