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European foreword

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CEN/TS 18101:2024 (EN)**Introduction**

As part of the European Green Deal, launched in 2019, the European commission introduced measures to move to a climate neutral and circular economy, together with a digital transition. One of the targets when going to a circular economy was to reduce the amount of waste released into the environment by decreasing the amount of waste generated, increasing the amount of waste collected and re-introducing the materials regenerated from waste into the production of new products.

Specifically, the accumulation of plastics in marine and other aquatic environments were addressed in two directives:

- The revised Port Reception Facilities (PRF) Directive [1], which introduces indirect fees, replacing the previous direct fees charged to fishers for bringing not only their own end-of-use gear but also retrieved, abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG) ashore, thus encouraging waste to be carried back to port.
- The Single Use Plastics (SUP) Directive [2].

In 2021 the standardization request M/574 on the Circular Design of Fishing Gear [3] was passed by the European commission and the parliament and accepted by CEN, which forms the basis for this series of documents (EN 17988 series). While mostly the term ‘fishing gear’ is used in Directive (EU2019/904 and M/574, it is mentioned in both documents that it also encompasses aquaculture equipment.

This document provides a collection of terms and definitions applicable to the circular design of fishing gear and aquaculture equipment, clarifying the terminology used in M/574 and supporting the EN 17988 series with the generic title *Circular design of fishing gear and aquaculture equipment*.

Terms which are explained in detail in one of the parts of the EN 17988 series have not been integrated into this document, as their definition is clear from the context provided in this specific part.

Additionally, this document contains a list of all abbreviations used in the different parts of the EN 17988 series.

1 Scope

This document provides the terms and definitions applicable to the circular design of fishing gear and aquaculture equipment.

This document also contains the list of abbreviations used in the EN 17988 series.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

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