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It is the view of the UK committee that there should be derived test method limits for formaldehyde i.e. EN 120 and EN 717-2. In addition, there should be a formaldehyde class E2. Both of which will bring it in line with Annex B of EN 13986.

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## **Foreword**

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## **1 Scope**

This European Technical Specification specifies the requirements for uncoated particleboards for use in dry conditions in non load-bearing applications with density below 600 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

This Technical Specification applies to particleboard which is mostly homogenous and continuous in its composition and which does not contain hollow spaces, chambers or other type of cavities which can be encountered as honeycombs in sandwich panels or as tubes in extruded boards.

This Technical Specification does not give requirements for extruded particleboards (see EN 14755), flaxboards (see EN 15197) and sandwich panels.

NOTE Typical applications for lightweight boards are in furniture and non-structural applications e.g. in doors, packaging.

## **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 310, *Wood-based panels — Determination of modulus of elasticity in bending and of bending strength*

EN 311, *Wood-based panels — Surface soundness — Test method*

EN 317, *Particleboards and fibreboards — Determination of swelling in thickness after immersion in water*

EN 318, *Wood-based panels — Determination of dimensional changes associated with changes in relative humidity*

EN 319, *Particleboards and fibreboards — Determination of tensile strength perpendicular to the plane of the board*

EN 322, *Wood-based panels — Determination of moisture content*

EN 323, *Wood-based panels — Determination of density*

EN 324-1, *Wood-based panels — Determination of dimensions of boards — Part 1: Determination of thickness, width and length*

EN 324-2, *Wood-based panels — Determination of dimensions of boards — Part 2: Determination of squareness and edge straightness*

EN 326-1, *Wood-based panels — Sampling, cutting and inspection — Part 1: Sampling and cutting of test pieces and expression of test results*

EN 326-2, *Wood-based panels — Sampling, cutting and inspection — Part 2: Initial type testing and factory production control*

EN 326-3, *Wood-based panels — Sampling, cutting and inspection — Part 3: Inspection of an isolated lot of panels*

EN 717-1, *Wood-based panels — Determination of formaldehyde release — Part 1: Formaldehyde emission by the chamber method*

ISO 3340, *Fibre building boards — Determination of sand content*