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## Foreword

This document (EN 318:2002) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 112 "Wood-based panels", 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by September 2002, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 2002.

This document supersedes EN 318:1993.

Compared to the version EN 318:1993 the following modifications have been made:

- a) The scope has been extended from fibre boards to wood-based panels
- b) The conditioning procedure has been modified

According to the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, the national standards organizations of the following countries are bound to implement this European Standard: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

**EN 318:2002 (E)****1 Scope**

This European Standard specifies a method for the determination of dimensional changes in wood-based panels, due to changes in the relative humidity of the air.

**2 Normative references**

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

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

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

**3 Principle**

Because variations in relative humidity affect the moisture content of a panel and result in changes to its dimensions, test pieces are measured after conditioning to different levels of relative humidity.

The equilibrium moisture content of panel products is dependent on the history of moisture change. Higher equilibrium moisture contents for any one relative humidity are achieved in desorption compared with adsorption; this gives rise to a hysteresis effect.

In order to obtain the true dimensional change, this is measured between 65 % relative humidity and 85 % relative humidity in adsorption and 65 % relative humidity and 30 % relative humidity in desorption.

**4 Apparatus****4.1 Balance**

Balance as described in EN 322.

**4.2 Measuring instruments for length and thickness**

Instruments for measuring length and thickness with an accuracy of  $\pm 0,01$  mm. An example of a length measuring equipment is shown in Figure 1.

**4.3 Calibration bar**

Corrosion resistant metal bar of sufficient length and shape to calibrate the length measuring equipment. The length of the calibration bar shall be known to within 0,01 mm.

**4.4 Climate chamber**

Climate chamber(s) capable of maintaining the required temperature to  $\pm 1$  °C and relative humidity to  $\pm 3$  %.