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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 14298:2004) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 175 “Round and sawn timber”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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## EN 14298:2004 (E)

### 1 Scope

This document defines a method of assessment of drying quality. It applies to a lot of dried sawn timber, a lot of dried planed timber and a lot of dried sawn timber surfaced by other means. It applies to both softwood and hardwood with a thickness not greater than 100 mm.

The quality of drying is expressed in terms of target and average moisture content of the lot as well as defining the moisture content variation between individual pieces expressed as allowable upper and lower limits.

An option for specifying the degree of case-hardening is included.

NOTE 1 Other features related to drying, e.g. checking, distortions, stain, etc., are specified in documents for visual grading of sawn timber or in product specifications and are not covered by this document.

NOTE 2 In the following the term "sawn timber" is used for all dried timber covered by this the scope.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 844-3:1995, *Round and sawn timber - Terminology – Part 3: General terms relating to sawn timber*

EN 844-4:1997, *Round and sawn timber - Terminology – Part 4: Terms relating to structure content*

EN 844-12:2000, *Round and sawn timber - Terminology – Part 12: Additional terms and general index*

EN 1438, *Symbols for timber and wood-based products*

EN 13183-1, *Moisture content of a piece of sawn timber – Part 1: Determination by oven dry method*

EN 13183-2, *Moisture content of a piece of sawn timber – Part 2: Estimation by electrical resistance method*

ENV 14464, *Sawn timber – Method for assessment of case-hardening*

ENV 12169, *Criteria for the assessment of conformity of a lot of sawn timber*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 844-3:1995, EN 844-4:1997 and EN 844-12:2000 and the following apply:

#### 3.1

##### **target moisture content ( $\omega_{\text{arg}}$ )**

desired moisture content of a lot expressed as a single percentage.

#### 3.2

##### **average moisture content ( $\omega_{\text{m}}$ )**

arithmetic mean of the moisture content of the pieces in a lot

#### 3.3

##### **lot**

number of sawn timber pieces of the same thickness for all species and width for softwoods dried to the same specification