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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 13006:1998), which has been technically revised.

# Ceramic tiles — Definitions, classification, characteristics and marking

#### 1 Scope

This International Standard defines terms and establishes classifications, characteristics and marking requirements for ceramic tiles of the best commercial quality (first quality). This International Standard is not applicable to tiles made by other than normal processes of extrusion or dry pressing. It is not applicable to decorative accessories or trim such as edges, corners, skirting, capping, coves, beads, steps, curved tiles and other accessory pieces or mosaics (i.e. any piece that can fit into an area of 49 cm<sup>2</sup>).

NOTE ISO 10545 (all parts) describes the test procedures required to determine the product characteristics listed in this International Standard. ISO 10545 is divided into 16 parts, each describing a specific test procedure or related matter.

#### 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.

- ISO 1006, Building construction Modular coordination Basic module
- ISO 10545-1, Ceramic tiles Part 1: Sampling and basis for acceptance
- ISO 10545-2, Ceramic tiles Part 2: Determination of dimensions and surface quality
- ISO 10545-3, Ceramic tiles Part 3: Determination of water absorption, apparent porosity, apparent relative density and bulk density
- ISO 10545-4, Ceramic tiles Part 4: Determination of modulus of rupture and breaking strength
- ISO 10545-5, Ceramic tiles Part 5: Determination of impact resistance by measurement of coefficient of restitution
- ISO 10545-6, Ceramic tiles Part 6: Determination of resistance to deep abrasion for unglazed tiles
- ISO 10545-7, Ceramic tiles Part 7: Determination of resistance to surface abrasion for glazed tiles
- ISO 10545-8, Ceramic tiles Part 8: Determination of linear thermal expansion
- ISO 10545-9, Ceramic tiles Part 9: Determination of resistance to thermal shock
- ISO 10545-10, Ceramic tiles Part 10: Determination of moisture expansion
- ISO 10545-11, Ceramic tiles Part 11: Determination of crazing resistance for glazed tiles
- ISO 10545-12, Ceramic tiles Part 12: Determination of frost resistance
- ISO 10545-13, Ceramic tiles Part 13: Determination of chemical resistance
- ISO 10545-14, Ceramic tiles Part 14: Determination of resistance to stains
- ISO 10545-15, Ceramic tiles Part 15: Determination of lead and cadmium given off by glazed tiles
- ISO 10545-16, Ceramic tiles Part 16: Determination of small colour differences

#### Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1006 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

#### ceramic tile

thin slab made from clays and/or other inorganic raw materials, generally used as covering for floors and walls, usually shaped by extruding (A) or pressing (B) at room temperature, but may be formed by other processes (C), then dried and subsequently fired at temperatures sufficient to develop the required properties

NOTE Tiles may be glazed (GL) or unglazed (UGL); they are incombustible and are not affected by light.

#### 3.2

#### porcelain tile

fully vitrified tile with water absorption coefficient less than or equal to a mass fraction of 0,5 %, belonging to groups Ala and Bla

#### 3.3

### glaze

vitrified covering that is impermeable

#### 3.4

#### engobed surface

clay-based covering with a matt finish which may be permeable or impermeable

NOTE A tile with an engobed surface is regarded as an unglazed tile.

#### 3.5

#### polished surface

surface of glazed and unglazed tile which has been given a glossy finish by mechanical polishing as the last stage of manufacture

#### 3.6

#### extruded tile

tile, whose body is shaped in the plastic state in an extruder, the column obtained being cut into tiles of predetermined dimension, and which is designated as Group A

This International Standard classifies extruded tiles as "precision" or "natural". The classification is dependent upon the different technical characteristics as listed in the individual product standards.

Traditional terms used for extruded products are "split tiles" and "quarry tiles". They commonly indicate doubleextruded and single-extruded tiles, respectively. The term "quarry tiles" only refers to extruded tiles with a water absorption coefficient of a mass fraction not exceeding 6 %.

#### 3.7

#### dry-pressed tile

tile, formed from a finely milled body mixture and shaped in moulds at high pressure, and which is designated as Group B

#### 3.8

#### water absorption

percentage of water impregnating a tile, measured in accordance with ISO 10545-3

NOTE Water absorption is expressed as a mass fraction of dry mass.

#### 3.9 **Sizes**

NOTE The sizes are only defined for rectangular tiles. If the sizes of non-rectangular tiles are required, they are defined by the smallest rectangle into which they fit.

#### 3.9.1

#### nominal size

size used to describe the product

See Figures 1 and 2.

#### 3.9.2

#### work size

size of a tile specified for manufacturing to which the actual size shall conform within specified permissible deviations

See Figures 1 and 2.

#### 3.9.3

#### actual size

size obtained by measuring the face of a tile in accordance with ISO 10545-2

See Figures 1 and 2.

#### 3.9.4

#### coordinating size

work size plus the joint width

See Figures 1 and 2.

#### 3.9.5

#### modular size

tile and size based on module M, 2 M, 3 M and 5 M and also their multiples or subdivisions, except for tiles with a surface area of less than 9 000 mm<sup>2</sup>

NOTE See ISO 1006, where 1 M = 100 mm.

See Figures 1 and 2.

#### 3.9.6

#### non-modular size

size not based on module M

NOTE 1 See ISO 1006, where 1 M = 100 mm.

NOTE 2 Tiles of these sizes are those commonly used in most countries.

See Figures 1 and 2.

#### 3.9.7

#### tolerance

difference between the permissible limits of size

See Figures 1 and 2.

#### 3.10

#### spacer lug

projection that is located along certain edges of tiles so that where two tiles are placed together, in line, the lugs on adjacent edges separate the tiles by a distance of not less than the specified width of the joint

See Figure 2.

#### 3.11

#### rectified tile

ceramic tile that, after firing, is subjected to a precise mechanical grinding of the edges

NOTE Rectified tiles have tighter dimensional criteria for length and width, straightness of sides, and rectangularity than given in Annexes A to M.

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#### 3.12

#### back feet

parallel ridges running across the back surface of some exterior wall tiles which possess a geometry intended to facilitate an interlocking connection between tile and cement mortar

See Figure 3.

NOTE Back feet dimensions shall be measured with vernier calipers, and each specimen in a 10-tile sample is required to satisfy the requirements in Annexes A to M.

#### Classification

#### Basis of classification

Ceramic tiles are divided into groups according to their method of manufacture and their water absorption (see 3.8 and Table 1). The groups do not presuppose the usage of the products.

#### Methods of manufacture 4.2

The following are the two methods of manufacture:

- method A, extruded tiles (see 3.6);
- method B, dry-pressed tiles (see 3.7).

#### Water absorption according to group 4.3

#### 4.3.1 General

The following are the three groups according to water absorption,  $E_{\rm b}$ .

#### 4.3.2 Subdivision of the three groups

The three groups are divided into tiles of low, medium and high water absorption, namely Groups I, II and II, respectively.

- Tiles of low water absorption, i.e. absorption coefficient less than or equal to a mass fraction of 3 %,  $E_b \le 3$  %, belong to Group I. Group I consists of the following:
  - 1) for extruded tiles
    - $E_b \le 0.5$  % (Group Al<sub>a</sub>), and
    - $0.5 \% < E_b \le 3 \% \text{ (Group Alb)};$
  - for dry-pressed tiles:
    - $E_b \leq 0.5$  % (Group Bl<sub>a</sub>);
    - $0.5 \% < E_b \le 3 \%$  (Group Bl<sub>b</sub>).
- Tiles of medium water absorption, i.e.  $3 \% < E_b \le 10 \%$ , belong to Group II. Group II consists of the following:
  - for extruded tiles
    - 3 %  $< E_b \le 6$  % [Group All<sub>a</sub>, Subgroups (Parts) 1 and 2; see Annex B for Subgroup (Part) 1 or Annex C for Subgroup (Part) 2], and

- ii) 6 % < E<sub>b</sub> ≤ 10 % [Group All<sub>b</sub>, Subgroups (Parts) 1 and 2; see Annex D for Subgroup (Part) 1 or Annex E for Subgroup (Part) 2];
- 2) for dry-pressed tiles
  - i)  $3 \% < E_b \le 6 \%$  (Group BII<sub>a</sub>), and
  - ii) 6 %  $< E_b \le$  10 % (Group BII<sub>b</sub>).
- c) Tiles of high water absorption, i.e.  $E_b > 10$  %, belong to Group III.

#### 5 Characteristics

The characteristics for different applications of ceramic tiles are given in Table 2.

## 6 Sampling and basis for acceptance

The sampling and basis for acceptance shall be in accordance with that presented in ISO 10545-1.

### 7 Requirements

Dimensional and surface quality requirements and physical and chemical properties shall be as given in the relevant/specific annex, of Annexes A to M, for each tile class.

### 8 Marking and specifications

#### 8.1 Marking

Tiles and/or their packaging are required to bear the following marking:

- a) manufacturer's mark and/or trademark and the country where the tile was manufactured (i.e. country of origin, as determined by the relevant international regulation);
- b) indication of first quality;
- c) type of tile and reference to the appropriate annex of Annexes A to M;
- d) nominal and work sizes, modular (M) or non-modular;
- e) nature of the surface, i.e. glazed (GL) or unglazed (UGL);
- f) any surface treatment applied after firing;
- g) total dry weight which the tiles and their packaging shall not exceed.

Each tile conforming to this International Standard is required to bear on its reverse side or edge, the country where it was manufactured.

#### 8.2 Product literature

Product literature for tiles intended for use on floors shall state the abrasion class or the place of use of glazed tiles.

NOTE See also Annex R for informative symbols.

#### 8.3 Specifications

Tiles shall be designated by the following:

a) the method of shaping;

- b) the relevant annex of Annexes A to M, covering the specific class of tile;
- c) nominal and work sizes, modular (M) and non-modular;
- d) the nature of the surface, i.e. glazed (GL) or unglazed (UGL);
- e) the addition of back feet, if required.
- EXAMPLE 1 Precision extruded tile, ISO 13006:2012, Annex M, Al<sub>a</sub> M 25 cm  $\times$  12,5 cm ( $S_W$  240 mm  $\times$  115 mm  $\times$  10 mm) GL.
- EXAMPLE 2 Natural extruded tile, ISO 13006:2012, Annex A, Al<sub>b</sub> 15 cm × 15 cm (S<sub>W</sub> 150 mm × 150 mm × 12,5 mm) UGL.
- EXAMPLE 3 Dry-pressed tile, ISO 13006:2012, Annex G,  $Bl_a$  M 25 cm  $\times$  12,5 cm ( $S_w$  240 mm  $\times$  115 mm  $\times$  10 mm) GL.
- EXAMPLE 4 Dry-pressed tile, ISO 13006:2012, Annex L, BIII 15 cm  $\times$  15 cm ( $S_W$  150 mm  $\times$  150 mm  $\times$  12,5 mm) UGL.

#### 9 Ordering

Each time that an order is placed, items, such as size, thickness, type of surface, colour, profile, abrasion class for glazed tiles and other properties, shall be agreed upon by the parties concerned.

Table 1 — Classification of ceramic tiles with respect to water absorption and shaping

| Chaning     | Group I                             | Group II <sub>a</sub>                                  | Group II <sub>b</sub>                                  | Group III       |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------|
| Shaping     | <i>E</i> <sub>b</sub> ≤ 3 %         | 3 % < <i>E</i> <sub>b</sub> ≤ 6 %                      | 6 % < <i>E</i> <sub>b</sub> ≤ 10 %                     | $E_{b} > 10 \%$ |
|             | Group Ala                           | Croup All . a  | Croup All a  |                 |
|             | <i>E</i> <sub>b</sub> ≤ 0,5 %       | Group All <sub>a-1</sub> <sup>a</sup>                  | Group All <sub>b-1</sub> <sup>a</sup>                  |                 |
| A           | (see Annex M)                       | (see Annex B)  | (see Annex D)  | Group AllI      |
| Extruded    | Group Al <sub>b</sub>               | Croup All - a  | Croup All a  | (see Annex F)   |
|             | 0,5 % < <i>E</i> <sub>b</sub> ≤ 3 % | Group All <sub>a-2</sub> <sup>a</sup><br>(see Annex C) | Group All <sub>b-2</sub> <sup>a</sup><br>(see Annex E) |                 |
|             | (see Annex A)                       | (See Annex O)  | (SCC AIIIICX L)  |                 |
|             | Group Bla                           |  |  |                 |
|             | <i>E</i> <sub>b</sub> ≤ 0,5 %       |  |  |                 |
| В           | (see Annex G)                       | Group BIIa   | Group BII <sub>b</sub>                                 | Group BIII b    |
| Dry pressed | Group Bl <sub>b</sub>               | (see Annex J)  | (see Annex K)  | (see Annex L)   |
|             | $0.5 \% < E_b \le 3 \%$             |  |  |                 |
|             | (see Annex H)                       |  |  |                 |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Groups All<sub>a</sub> and All<sub>b</sub> are divided into two subgroups (Parts 1 and 2) with different product specifications.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Group BIII covers glazed tiles only. There is a low quantity of dry-pressed unglazed tiles produced with water absorption greater than 10 % mass fraction, which is not covered by this product group.

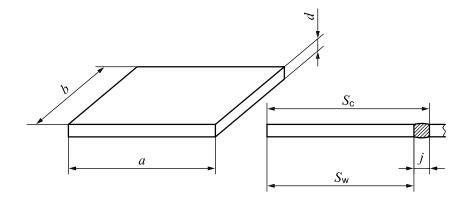
Table 2 — Characteristics required for different applications

| Characteristics  | Floor    |          | W        | all      | Test         |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| Dimensions and surface quality                           | Interior | Exterior | Interior | Exterior | Reference    |
| Length and width   | Х        | Х        | Х        | Х        | ISO 10545-2  |
| Thickness  | Х        | Х        | Х        | Х        | ISO 10545-2  |
| Straightness of sides                                    | Х        | Х        | Х        | Х        | ISO 10545-2  |
| Rectangularity   | Х        | Х        | Х        | Х        | ISO 10545-2  |
| Surface flatness (curvature and warpage)                 | Х        | Х        | Х        | Х        | ISO 10545-2  |
| Surface quality  | Х        | Х        | Х        | Х        | ISO 10545-2  |
| Back feet (if specified) <sup>a</sup>                    |          |          |          | Х        | Figure 3     |
| Physical property  | Interior | Exterior | Interior | Exterior | Reference    |
| Water absorption   | Х        | Х        | Х        | Х        | ISO 10545-3  |
| Breaking strength  | X        | X        | X        | X        | ISO 10545-4  |
| Modulus of rupture                                       | X        | X        | X        | X        | ISO 10545-4  |
| Resistance to deep abrasion — unglazed tiles             | X        | Х        |          |          | ISO 10545-6  |
| Resistance to surface abrasion — glazed tiles            | X        | Х        |          |          | ISO 10545-7  |
| Linear thermal expansion <sup>b</sup>                    | Х        | X        | X        | X        | ISO 10545-8  |
| Resistance to thermal shock <sup>b</sup>                 | X        | X        | X        | X        | ISO 10545-9  |
| Resistance to crazing — glazed tiles                     | X        | X        | X        | X        | ISO 10545-11 |
| Frost resistance <sup>c</sup>                            |          | X        |          | X        | ISO 10545-12 |
| Moisture expansion <sup>b</sup>                          | X        | X        | Х        | X        | ISO 10545-10 |
| Small colour differences <sup>b</sup>                    | X        | Х        | X        | X        | ISO 10545-16 |
| Impact resistance b                                      | Х        | Х        |          |          | ISO 10545-5  |
| Chemical property  | Interior | Exterior | Interior | Exterior | Reference    |
| Resistance to staining                                   |          |          |          |          | ISO 10545-14 |
| glazed tiles   | Х        | X        | X        | X        | ISO 10545-14 |
| <ul> <li>unglazed tiles <sup>b</sup></li> </ul>          | Х        | X        | X        | X        | ISO 10545-14 |
| Resistance to low concentrations of acids and alkalis    | X        | X        | Х        | X        | ISO 10545-13 |
| Resistance to high concentrations of acids and alkalis b | X        | X        | Х        | X        | ISO 10545-13 |
| Resistance to household cleaners and swimming pool salts | Х        | Х        | Х        | Х        | ISO 10545-13 |
| Lead and cadmium release — glazed tiles <sup>b</sup>     | Х        | Х        | Х        | Х        | ISO 10545-15 |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> For application to exterior tiles installed by cement mortar, including tunnels, where back feet are specified.

b Test method is available.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> For tiles intended to be used in situations where frost conditions apply.



#### Key

a, b dimensions of the visible face

thickness

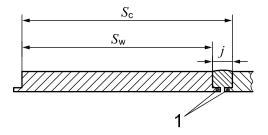
joint

coordinating size

 $S_{\mathsf{W}}$  work size

 $S_{c} = S_{w} + j$  $S_{\mathsf{W}} = a + b + d$ 

Figure 1 — Tile



#### Key

spacer lugs

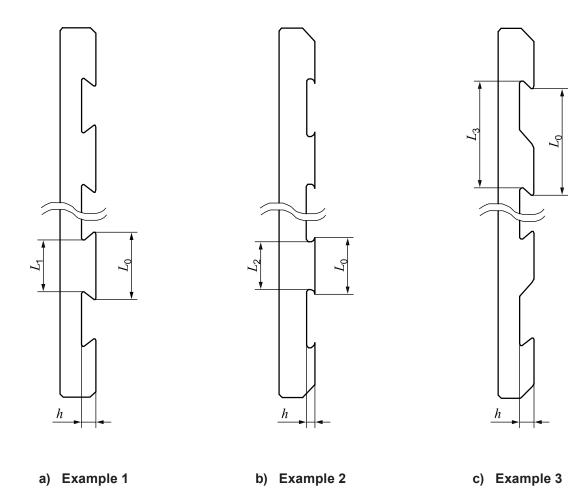
 $S_{c}$  coordinating size

 $S_{\mathsf{W}}$  work size

 $S_{\mathsf{C}} = S_{\mathsf{W}} + j$ 

 $S_{\mathsf{W}} = a + b + d$ 

Figure 2 — Tile with spacer lug



Key

h height

 ${\cal L}$  length

Figure 3 — Back feet — Examples

# Annex A

(normative)

# Extruded ceramic tiles with low water absorption **0,5** < $E_{b}$ $\le$ **3 % Group Alb**

#### Requirements **A.1**

Dimensional and surface quality requirements and physical and chemical properties are required to be in accordance with Table A.1.

Table A.1 — Requirements for extruded ceramic tiles — Group Al<sub>b</sub>, 0,5 <  $E_b \le 3$  %

| Dimensions and surface quality  | Precision                              | Natural                                | Test        |
|---|--|--|-------------|
| Length and width  |  |  |             |
| The manufacturer shall choose the work size as follows:   |  |  |             |
| a) for modular tiles in order to allow a<br>nominal joint width of between 3 mm and<br>11 mm <sup>a</sup> ;                                       |  |  |             |
| b) for non-modular tiles so that the difference between the work size and the nominal size is not more than $\pm$ 3 mm.                           |  |  |             |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the work size, $S_{\rm W}$                                 | $\pm$ 1,0 % to a maximum of $\pm$ 2 mm | $\pm$ 2,0 % to a maximum of $\pm$ 4 mm | ISO 10545-2 |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the average size of the 10 test specimens (20 or 40 sides) | ± 1,0 %                                | ± 1,5 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |
| Thickness   |  |  |             |
| a) The thickness shall be specified by the manufacturer <sup>g</sup>  |  |  |             |
| b) The deviation, in per cent, of the average thickness of each tile from the work size thickness <sup>g</sup>                                    | ± 10 %                                 | ± 10 %                                 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Straightness of sides b (facial sides)  |  |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from straightness, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes   | ± 0,5 %                                | ± 0,6 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |
| Rectangularity <sup>b</sup>   |  |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from rectangularity, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes   | ± 1,0 %                                | ± 1,0 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |

## Table A.1 (continued)

| Dimensions and surface quality  | Precision   | Natural   | Test        |
|---|---|---|-------------|
| Surface flatness  |   |   |             |
| The maximum deviation from flatness, in per cent:   |   |   |             |
| a) centre curvature, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes;                                      | ± 0,5 %   | ± 1,5 %   | ISO 10545-2 |
| b) edge curvature, related to the corresponding work sizes;   | ± 0,5 %   | ± 1,5 %   | ISO 10545-2 |
| c) warpage, related to the diagonal calculated from the work sizes.   | ± 0,8 %   | ± 1,5 %   | ISO 10545-2 |
| Back feet (if specified)  |   |   |             |
| a) Height, $h$ , for tiles of surface area, $A$   |   |   |             |
| $49 \text{ cm}^2 \le A < 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 0,7$ mm;   | Maximum $h = 3,5 \text{ mm}$                          | Figure 3    |
| $A \ge 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 1,5$ mm;   | Maximum $h = 3,5 \text{ mm}$                          | Figure 3    |
| b) Shape  |   | by the manufacturer and e examples in Figure 3        | Figure 3    |
| Example 1 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0 - L_0$   | $L_1 > 0$   | Figure 3    |
| Example 2 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0 - L_0$   | $L_2 > 0$   | Figure 3    |
| Example 3 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0 - L_0$   | $L_3 > 0$   | Figure 3    |
| Surface quality <sup>c</sup>  | A minimum of 95 % of the tiles are to be free from visible defects which can impair the appearance of a major area of tiles |   | ISO 10545-2 |
| Physical property   | Precision   | Natural   | Test        |
| Water absorption Per cent mass fraction   | $0.5 < E_b \le 3.0 \%$<br>Individual maximum 3.3 %  | $0.5 < E_b \le 3.0 \%$<br>Individual maximum $3.3 \%$ | ISO 10545-3 |
| Breaking strength, in Newtons   |   |   |             |
| a) Thickness ≥ 7,5 mm   | Not less than 1 100   | Not less than 1 100                                   | ISO 10545-4 |
| b) Thickness < 7,5 mm   | Not less than 600   | Not less than 600                                     | ISO 10545-4 |
| Modulus of rupture, in Newtons per square millimetre Not applicable to tiles with breaking strength ≥ 3 000 N | Minimum 23<br>Individual minimum 18   | Minimum 23<br>Individual minimum 18                   | ISO 10545-4 |
| Abrasion resistance   |   |   |             |
| a) Resistance to deep abrasion of unglazed  | Maximum 275   | Maximum 275   | ISO 10545-6 |
| tiles: removed volume, in cubic millimetres   |   |   |             |
| b) Resistance to surface abrasion of glazed tiles intended for use on floors <sup>d</sup>                     | Report abrasion class and cycles passed   | Report abrasion class and cycles passed               | ISO 10545-7 |
| b) Resistance to surface abrasion of glazed   |   |   | ISO 10545-7 |

Table A.1 (continued)

| Physical <b>property</b>  | Precision  | Natural  | Test          |
|---|--|--|---------------|
| Thermal shock resistance <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-9   |
| Crazing resistance: glazed tiles f                                  | Required   | Required   | ISO 10545-11  |
| Frost resistance  | Required   | Required   | ISO 10545-12  |
| Moisture expansion, in millimetres per metre <sup>e</sup>           | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-10  |
| Small colour differences <sup>e</sup>                               | Plain coloured tiles only where required $GL: \Delta E < 0.75$ | Plain coloured tiles only where required $GL: \Delta E < 0.75$ | ISO 10545-16  |
|   | UGL: ΔE < 1,0  | UGL: $\Delta E < 1.0$  |               |
| Impact resistance <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-5   |
| Chemical property   | Precision  | Natural  | Test          |
| Resistance to staining  |  |  |               |
| a) Glazed tiles   | Minimum class 3  | Minimum class 3  | ISO 10545-14  |
| b) Unglazed tiles <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-14  |
| Resistance to chemicals   |  |  |               |
| Resistance to low concentrations of acids and alkalis:              |  |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Manufacturer is to   | Manufacturer is to   | 100 10-1-10   |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | state classification   | state classification   | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to high concentrations of acids and alkalis <sup>e</sup> | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to household chemicals and swimming pool salts:          |  |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Minimum GB   | Minimum GB   | 100 405 45 40 |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | Minimum UB   | Minimum UB   | ISO 10545-13  |
| Lead and cadmium release <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-15  |

Similar joint widths shall be used to apply to traditional systems based on non-metric sizes.

Not applicable to tiles having curved shapes.

As a result of firing, slight variations from this standard colour are unavoidable. This does not apply to intentional irregularities of colour variation of the face of tiles (which can be unglazed, glazed or partly glazed) or to the colour variation over a tile area which is characteristic for this type of tile and desirable. Spots or coloured dots which are introduced for decorative purposes are not considered a defect.

Use Annex N for the abrasion resistance classification for all glazed tiles intended for use on floors.

Annex P gives information regarding requirements which are non-compulsory but which are listed as "test method available".

Certain decorative effects can have a tendency to craze. These are to be identified by the manufacturer, in which case, the crazing test given in ISO 10545-11 is not applicable.

Where applicable, tile thickness shall include the addition of back feet heights, as measured in accordance with Figure 3.

# **Annex B**

(normative)

# Extruded ceramic tiles 3 % $< E_b \le$ 6 % Group Alla — Subgroup (Part) 1

## **B.1** Requirements

Dimensional and surface quality requirements and physical and chemical properties are required to be in accordance with Table B.1.

Table B.1 — Requirements for extruded ceramic tiles — Group All<sub>a-1</sub>, 3 % <  $E_b \le$  6 %

| Dimensions and surface quality  | Precision                               | Natural                                | Test        |
|---|---|--|-------------|
| Length and width  |   |  |             |
| The manufacturer shall choose the work size as follows:   |   |  |             |
| a) for modular tiles in order to allow a<br>nominal joint width of between 3 mm and<br>11 mm <sup>a</sup> ;                                       |   |  |             |
| b) for non-modular tiles so that the difference between the work size and the nominal size is not more than $\pm3$ mm.                            |   |  |             |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the work size, $S_{\rm W}$                                 | $\pm$ 1,25 % to a maximum of $\pm$ 2 mm | $\pm$ 2,0 % to a maximum of $\pm$ 4 mm | ISO 10545-2 |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the average size of the 10 test specimens (20 or 40 sides) | ± 1,0 %                                 | ± 1,5 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |
| Thickness   |   |  |             |
| a) The thickness shall be specified by the manufacturer <sup>g</sup>  |   |  |             |
| b) The deviation, in per cent, of the average thickness of each tile from the work size thickness <sup>9</sup>                                    | ± 10 %                                  | ± 10 %                                 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Straightness of sides b (facial sides)  |   |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from straightness, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes   | ± 0,5 %                                 | ± 0,6 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |
| Rectangularity <sup>b</sup>   |   |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from rectangularity, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes   | ± 1,0 %                                 | ± 1,0 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |

Table B.1 (continued)

| Dimensions and surface quality   | Precision   | Natural  | Test        |
|--|---|--|-------------|
| Surface flatness   |   |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from flatness, in per cent:  |   |  |             |
| a) centre curvature, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes;                                       | ± 0,5 %   | ± 1,5 %  | ISO 10545-2 |
| b) edge curvature, related to the corresponding work sizes;  | ± 0,5 %   | ± 1,5 %  | ISO 10545-2 |
| c) warpage, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes.  | ± 0,8 %   | ± 1,5 %  | ISO 10545-2 |
| Back feet (if specified)   |   |  |             |
| a) Height, h, for tiles of surface area, A   |   |  |             |
| $49 \text{ cm}^2 \le A < 60 \text{ cm}^2$  | Minimum $h = 0.7$ mm;   | Maximum $h = 3,5 \text{ mm}$                               | Figure 3    |
| $A \ge 60 \text{ cm}^2$  | Minimum $h = 1,5$ mm;   | Maximum $h = 3,5 \text{ mm}$                               | Figure 3    |
| b) Shape   |   | by the manufacturer and e examples in Figure 3             | Figure 3    |
| Example 1 (see Figure 3)   | $L_0$ – $L_0$   | $L_1 > 0$  | Figure 3    |
| Example 2 (see Figure 3)   | $L_0 - L_0$   | $L_2 > 0$  | Figure 3    |
| Example 3 (see Figure 3)   | $L_0 - L_0$   | $L_3 > 0$  | Figure 3    |
| Surface quality <sup>c</sup>   | A minimum of 95 % of the tiles are to be free from visible defects which can impair the appearance of a major area of tiles |  | ISO 10545-2 |
| Physical property  | Precision   | Natural  | Test        |
| Water absorption Per cent mass fraction  | $3.0 \% < E_b \le 6.0 \%$<br>Individual maximum $6.5 \%$  | $3.0 \% < E_{b} \le 6.0 \%$<br>Individual maximum $6.5 \%$ | ISO 10545-3 |
| Breaking strength, in Newtons  |   |  |             |
| a) Thickness ≥ 7,5 mm  | Not less than 950   | Not less than 950  | ISO 10545-4 |
| b) Thickness < 7,5 mm  | Not less than 600   | Not less than 600  | ISO 10545-4 |
| Modulus of rupture, in Newtons per square millimetre  Not applicable to tiles with breaking strength ≥ 3 000 N | Minimum 20<br>Individual minimum 18   | Minimum 20<br>Individual minimum 18                        | ISO 10545-4 |
| Abrasion resistance  |   |  |             |
| a) Resistance to deep abrasion of unglazed tiles: removed volume, in cubic millimetres                         | Maximum 393   | Maximum 393  | ISO 10545-6 |
| b) Resistance to surface abrasion of glazed tiles intended for use on floors <sup>d</sup>                      | Report abrasion class and cycles passed   | Report abrasion class and cycles passed                    | ISO 10545-7 |
| Coefficient of linear thermal expansion <sup>e</sup>   |   |  |             |
| From ambient temperature to 100 °C   | Test method available   | Test method available                                      | ISO 10545-8 |

#### Table B.1 (continued)

| Physical property   | Precision                                | Natural                                  | Test          |
|---|--|--|---------------|
| Thermal shock resistance <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-9   |
| Crazing resistance: glazed tiles f                                  | Required                                 | Required                                 | ISO 10545-11  |
| Frost resistance <sup>e</sup>                                       | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-12  |
| Moisture expansion, in millimetres per metre <sup>e</sup>           | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-10  |
|   | Plain coloured tiles only where required | Plain coloured tiles only where required |               |
| Small colour differences <sup>e</sup>                               | GL: Δ <i>E</i> < 0,75                    | GL: Δ <i>E</i> < 0,75                    | ISO 10545-16  |
|   | UGL: Δ <i>E</i> < 1,0                    | UGL: Δ <i>E</i> < 1,0                    |               |
| Impact resistance <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-5   |
| Chemical property   | Precision                                | Natural                                  | Test          |
| Resistance to staining  |  |  |               |
| a) Glazed tiles   | Minimum class 3                          | Minimum class 3                          | ISO 10545-14  |
| b) Unglazed tiles <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-14  |
| Resistance to chemicals   |  |  | :             |
| Resistance to low concentrations of acids and alkalis:              |  |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Manufacturer is to                       | Manufacturer is to                       |               |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | state classification                     | state classification                     | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to high concentrations of acids and alkalis <sup>e</sup> | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to household chemicals and swimming pool salts:          |  |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Minimum GB                               | Minimum GB                               | 100 405 45 40 |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | Minimum UB                               | Minimum UB                               | ISO 10545-13  |
| Lead and cadmium release <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-15  |

a Similar joint widths are to be used to apply to traditional systems based on non-metric sizes.

b Not applicable to tiles having curved shapes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> As a result of firing, slight variations from this standard colour are unavoidable. This does not apply to intentional irregularities of colour variation of the face of tiles (which can be unglazed, glazed or partly glazed) or to the colour variation over a tile area which is characteristic for this type of tile and desirable. Spots or coloured dots which are introduced for decorative purposes are not considered a defect.

d Use Annex N for the abrasion resistance classification for all glazed tiles intended for use on floors.

e Annex P gives information regarding requirements which are non-compulsory but which are listed as "test method available".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>f</sup> Certain decorative effects can have a tendency to craze. These are to be identified by the manufacturer, in which case the crazing test given in ISO 10545-11 is not applicable.

<sup>9</sup> Where applicable, tile thickness shall include the addition of back feet heights, as measured in accordance with Figure 3.

# **Annex C** (normative)

# **Extruded ceramic tiles** 3 % $< E_b \le$ 6 % Group Alla — Subgroup (Part) 2

#### **C.1** Requirements

Dimensional and surface quality requirements and physical and chemical properties are required to be in accordance with Table C.1.

Table C.1 — Requirements for extruded ceramic tiles — Group All<sub>a-2</sub>, 3 % <  $E_b \le$  6 %

| Dimensions and surface quality  | Precision                              | Natural                                | Test        |
|---|--|--|-------------|
| Length and width  |  |  |             |
| The manufacturer shall choose the work size as follows:   |  |  |             |
| a) for modular tiles in order to allow a nominal joint width of between 3 mm and 11 mm <sup>a</sup> ;   |  |  |             |
| b) for non-modular tiles so that the difference between the work size and the nominal size is not more than $\pm$ 3 mm.                           |  |  |             |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the work size, $S_{\rm W}$                                 | $\pm$ 1,5 % to a maximum of $\pm$ 2 mm | $\pm$ 2,0 % to a maximum of $\pm$ 4 mm | ISO 10545-2 |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the average size of the 10 test specimens (20 or 40 sides) | ± 1,5 %                                | ± 1,5 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |
| Thickness   |  |  |             |
| a) The thickness shall be specified by the manufacturer <sup>g</sup>  |  |  |             |
| b) The deviation, in per cent, of the average thickness of each tile from the work size thickness <sup>9</sup>                                    | ± 10 %                                 | ± 10 %                                 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Straightness of sides b (facial sides)  |  |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from straightness, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes   | ± 1,0 %                                | ± 1,0 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |
| Rectangularity <sup>b</sup>   |  |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from rectangularity, in per cent related to the corresponding work sizes  | ± 1,0 %                                | ± 1,0 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |

## Table C.1 (continued)

| Dimensions and surface quality  | Precision   | Natural  | Test        |
|---|---|--|-------------|
| Surface flatness  |   |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from flatness, in per cent:   |   |  |             |
| a) centre curvature, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes;                                      | ± 1,0 %   | ± 1,5 %  | ISO 10545-2 |
| b) edge curvature, related to the corresponding work sizes;   | ± 1,0 %   | ± 1,5 %  | ISO 10545-2 |
| c) warpage, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes.   | ± 1,5 %   | ± 1,5 %  | ISO 10545-2 |
| Back feet (if specified)  |   |  |             |
| a) Height, h, for tiles of surface area, A  |   |  |             |
| $49 \text{ cm}^2 \le A < 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 0.7$ mm;   | Maximum $h = 3,5 \text{ mm}$                               | Figure 3    |
| $A \ge 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 1,5$ mm;   | Maximum $h = 3,5 \text{ mm}$                               | Figure 3    |
| b) Shape  |   | by the manufacturer and e examples in Figure 3             | Figure 3    |
| Example 1 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0$ – .   | $L_1 > 0$  | Figure 3    |
| Example 2 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0$ – $L_0$   | $L_2 > 0$  | Figure 3    |
| Example 3 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0$ – $L_0$   | $L_3 > 0$  | Figure 3    |
| Surface quality <sup>c</sup>  | A minimum of 95 % of the tiles are to be free from visible defects which can impair the appearance of a major area of tiles |  | ISO 10545-2 |
| Physical property   | Precision   | Natural  | Test        |
| Water absorption Per cent mass fraction   | $3.0 \% < E_b \le 6.0 \%$<br>Individual maximum $6.5 \%$  | $3.0 \% < E_{b} \le 6.0 \%$<br>Individual maximum $6.5 \%$ | ISO 10545-3 |
| Breaking strength, in Newtons   |   |  |             |
| a) Thickness ≥ 7,5 mm   | Not less than 800   | Not less than 800  | ISO 10545-4 |
| b) Thickness < 7,5 mm   | Not less than 600   | Not less than 600  | ISO 10545-4 |
| Modulus of rupture, in Newtons per square millimetre Not applicable to tiles with breaking strength ≥ 3 000 N | Minimum 13<br>Individual minimum 11   | Minimum 13<br>Individual minimum 11                        | ISO 10545-4 |
| Abrasion resistance   |   |  |             |
| a) Resistance to deep abrasion of unglazed tiles: removed volume, in cubic millimetres                        | Maximum 541   | Maximum 541  | ISO 10545-6 |
| b) Resistance to surface abrasion of glazed tiles intended for use on floors <sup>d</sup>                     | Report abrasion class and cycles passed   | Report abrasion class and cycles passed                    | ISO 10545-7 |
| Coefficient of linear thermal expansion <sup>e</sup>  |   |  |             |
| From ambient temperature to 100 °C  | Test method available   | Test method available                                      | ISO 10545-8 |

Table C.1 (continued)

| Physical property   | Precision                                | Natural                                  | Test         |
|---|--|--|--------------|
| Thermal shock resistance <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-9  |
| Crazing resistance: glazed tiles f                                  | Required                                 | Required                                 | ISO 10545-11 |
| Frost resistance <sup>e</sup>                                       | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-12 |
| Moisture expansion, in millimetres per metre <sup>e</sup>           | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-10 |
|   | Plain coloured tiles only where required | Plain coloured tiles only where required |              |
| Small colour differences <sup>e</sup>                               | GL: Δ <i>E</i> < 0,75                    | GL: Δ <i>E</i> < 0,75                    | ISO 10545-16 |
|   | UGL: Δ <i>E</i> < 1,0                    | UGL: Δ <i>E</i> < 1,0                    |              |
| Impact resistance <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-5  |
| Chemical property   | Precision                                | Natural                                  | Test         |
| Resistance to staining  |  |  |              |
| a) Glazed tiles   | Minimum class 3                          | Minimum class 3                          | ISO 10545-14 |
| b) Unglazed tiles <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-14 |
| Resistance to chemicals   |  |  |              |
| Resistance to low concentrations of acids and alkalis:              |  |  |              |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Manufacturer is to                       | Manufacturer is to                       | 100 40545 40 |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | state classification                     | state classification                     | ISO 10545-13 |
| Resistance to high concentrations of acids and alkalis <sup>e</sup> | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-13 |
| Resistance to household chemicals and swimming pool salts:          |  |  |              |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Minimum GB                               | Minimum GB                               | 100 40545 40 |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | Minimum UB                               | Minimum UB                               | ISO 10545-13 |
| Lead and cadmium release <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-15 |

Similar joint widths are to be used to apply to traditional systems based on non-metric sizes.

Not applicable to tiles having curved shapes.

As a result of firing, slight variations from this standard colour are unavoidable. This does not apply to intentional irregularities of colour variation of the face of tiles (which can be unglazed, glazed or partly glazed) or to the colour variation over a tile area which is characteristic for this type of tile and desirable. Spots or coloured dots which are introduced for decorative purposes are not considered a defect.

Use Annex N for the abrasion resistance classification for all glazed tiles intended for use on floors.

Annex P gives information regarding requirements which are non-compulsory but which are listed as "test method available".

Certain decorative effects can have a tendency to craze. These are to be identified by the manufacturer, in which case the crazing test given in ISO 10545-11 is not applicable.

Where applicable, tile thickness shall include the addition of back feet heights, as measured in accordance with Figure 3.

# Annex D (normative)

# Extruded ceramic tiles 6 % $< E_{\rm b} \le$ 10 % Group Allb — Subgroup (Part) 1

# D.1 Requirements

Dimensional and surface quality requirements and physical and chemical properties are required to be in accordance with Table D.1.

Table D.1 — Requirements for extruded ceramic tiles — Group  $All_{b-1}$ , 6 %  $< E_b \le$  10 %

| Dimensions and surface quality  | Precision                              | Natural                                | Test        |
|---|--|--|-------------|
| Length and width  |  |  |             |
| The manufacturer shall choose the work size as follows:   |  |  |             |
| a) for modular tiles in order to allow a<br>nominal joint width of between 3 mm and<br>11 mm <sup>a</sup> ;                                       |  |  |             |
| b) for non-modular tiles so that the difference between the work size and the nominal size is not more than $\pm3$ mm.                            |  |  |             |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the work size, $S_{\rm W}$                                 | $\pm$ 2,0 % to a maximum of $\pm$ 2 mm | $\pm$ 2,0 % to a maximum of $\pm$ 4 mm | ISO 10545-2 |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the average size of the 10 test specimens (20 or 40 sides) | ± 1,5 %                                | ± 1,5 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |
| Thickness   |  |  |             |
| a) The thickness shall be specified by the manufacturer <sup>g</sup>  |  |  |             |
| b) The deviation, in per cent, of the average thickness of each tile from the work size thickness <sup>g</sup>                                    | ± 10 %                                 | ± 10 %                                 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Straightness of sides b (facial sides)  |  |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from straightness, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes   | ± 1,0 %                                | ± 1,0 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |
| Rectangularity <sup>b</sup>   |  |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from rectangularity, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes   | ± 1,0 %                                | ± 1,0 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |

Table D.1 (continued)

| Dimensions and surface quality  | Precision   | Natural  | Test        |
|---|---|--|-------------|
| Surface flatness  |   |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from flatness, in per cent:   |   |  |             |
| a) centre curvature, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes;                                      | ± 1,0 %   | ± 1,5 %  | ISO 10545-2 |
| <ul><li>b) edge curvature, related to the corresponding work sizes;</li></ul>                                 | ± 1,0 %   | ± 1,5 %  | ISO 10545-2 |
| c) warpage, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes.   | ± 1,5 %   | ± 1,5 %  | ISO 10545-2 |
| Back feet (if specified)  |   |  |             |
| a) Height, h, for tiles of surface area, A  |   |  |             |
| $49 \text{ cm}^2 \le A < 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 0,7$ mm;   | Maximum $h = 3,5 \text{ mm}$   | Figure 3    |
| $A \ge 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 1,5$ mm;   | Maximum $h = 3,5 \text{ mm}$   | Figure 3    |
| b) Shape  | Back feet as specified<br>and as shown in on<br>Figu  | Figure 3   |             |
| Example 1 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0 - L_0$   | $L_1 > 0$  | Figure 3    |
| Example 2 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0 - L_0$   | $L_2 > 0$  | Figure 3    |
| Example 3 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0 - L_0$   | <i>L</i> <sub>3</sub> > 0  | Figure 3    |
| Surface quality <sup>c</sup>  | A minimum of 95 % of the tiles are to be free from visible defects which can impair the appearance of a major area of tiles |  | ISO 10545-2 |
| Physical property   | Precision   | Natural  | Test        |
| Water absorption Per cent mass fraction   | $6 \% < E_{\rm b} \le 10 \%$<br>Individual maximum 11 %   | $\begin{array}{c} \text{6 \%} < E_{\text{b}} \leq \text{10 \%} \\ \text{Individual maximum} \\ \text{11 \%} \end{array}$ | ISO 10545-3 |
| Breaking strength, in Newtons   | Not less than 900   | Not less than 900  | ISO 10545-4 |
| Modulus of rupture, in Newtons per square millimetre Not applicable to tiles with breaking strength ≥ 3 000 N | Minimum 17,5<br>Individual minimum 15   | Minimum 17,5<br>Individual minimum 15  | ISO 10545-4 |
| Abrasion resistance   |   |  |             |
| a) Resistance to deep abrasion of unglazed tiles: removed volume, in cubic millimetres                        | Maximum 649   | Maximum 649  | ISO 10545-6 |
| b) Resistance to surface abrasion of glazed tiles intended for use on floors <sup>d</sup>                     | Report abrasion class and cycles passed   | Report abrasion class and cycles passed  | ISO 10545-7 |
| Coefficient of linear thermal expansion <sup>e</sup>  |   |  |             |
| From ambient temperature to 100 °C  | Test method available   | Test method available  | ISO 10545-8 |

#### Table D.1 (continued)

| Dimensions and surface quality                                      | Precision  | Natural  | Test          |
|---|--|--|---------------|
| Thermal shock resistance <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-9   |
| Crazing resistance: glazed tiles f                                  | Required   | Required   | ISO 10545-11  |
| Frost resistance e  | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-12  |
| Moisture expansion, in millimetres per metre                        | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-10  |
| Small colour differences <sup>e</sup>                               | Plain coloured tiles only where required GL: $\Delta E < 0.75$ | Plain coloured tiles only where required GL: $\Delta E < 0.75$ | ISO 10545-16  |
|   | UGL: Δ <i>E</i> < 1,0  | UGL: Δ <i>E</i> < 1,0  |               |
| Impact resistance <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-5   |
| Chemical property   | Precision  | Natural  | Test          |
| Resistance to staining  |  |  |               |
| a) Glazed tiles   | Minimum class 3  | Minimum class 3  | ISO 10545-14  |
| b) Unglazed tiles <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-14  |
| Resistance to chemicals   |  |  |               |
| Resistance to low concentrations of acids and alkalis:              |  |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Manufacturer is to   | Manufacturer is to   | 100 405 45 40 |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | state classification   | state classification   | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to high concentrations of acids and alkalis <sup>e</sup> | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to household chemicals and swimming pool salts:          |  |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Minimum GB   | Minimum GB   | 100 40545 40  |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | Minimum UB   | Minimum UB   | ISO 10545-13  |
| Lead and cadmium release <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-15  |

- Similar joint widths are to be used to apply to traditional systems based on non-metric sizes.
- b Not applicable to tiles having curved shapes.
- <sup>c</sup> As a result of firing, slight variations from this standard colour are unavoidable. This does not apply to intentional irregularities of colour variation of the face of tiles (which can be unglazed, glazed or partly glazed) or to the colour variation over a tile area which is characteristic for this type of tile and desirable. Spots or coloured dots which are introduced for decorative purposes are not considered a defect.
- d Use Annex N for the abrasion resistance classification for all glazed tiles intended for use on floors.
- Annex P gives information regarding requirements which are non-compulsory but which are listed as "test method available".
- <sup>f</sup> Certain decorative effects can have a tendency to craze. These are to be identified by the manufacturer, in which case the crazing test given in ISO 10545-11 is not applicable.
- 9 Where applicable, tile thickness shall include the addition of back feet heights, as measured in accordance with Figure 3.

# **Annex E**

(normative)

# **Extruded ceramic tiles 6** % $< E_b \le$ **10** % Group All<sub>b</sub> — Subgroup (Part) 2

#### E.1 Requirements

Dimensional and surface quality requirements and physical and chemical properties are required to be in accordance with Table E.1.

Table E.1 — Requirements for extruded ceramic tiles — Group All<sub>b-2</sub>, 6 % <  $E_b \le$  10 %

| Dimensions and surface quality  | Precision                              | Natural                                | Test        |
|---|--|--|-------------|
| Length and width  |  |  |             |
| The manufacturer shall choose the work size as follows:   |  |  |             |
| a) for modular tiles in order to allow a<br>nominal joint width of between 3 mm and<br>11 mm <sup>a</sup> ;                                       |  |  |             |
| b) or non-modular tiles so that the difference between the work size and the nominal size is not more than $\pm3$ mm.                             |  |  |             |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the work size, $S_{\rm W}$                                 | $\pm$ 2,0 % to a maximum of $\pm$ 2 mm | $\pm$ 2,0 % to a maximum of $\pm$ 4 mm | ISO 10545-2 |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the average size of the 10 test specimens (20 or 40 sides) | ± 1,5 %                                | ± 1,5 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |
| Thickness   |  |  |             |
| a) The thickness shall be specified by the manufacturer <sup>g</sup>  |  |  |             |
| b) The deviation, in per cent, of the average thickness of each tile from the work size thickness <sup>g</sup>                                    | ± 10 %                                 | ± 10 %                                 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Straightness of sides b (facial sides)  |  |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from straightness, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes   | ± 1,0 %                                | ± 1,0 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |
| Rectangularity <sup>b</sup>   |  |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from rectangularity, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes   | ± 1,0 %                                | ± 1,0 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |

## Table E.1 (continued)

| Dimensions and surface quality   | Precision  | Natural   | Test        |
|--|--|---|-------------|
| Surface flatness   |  |   |             |
| The maximum deviation from flatness, in per cent:  |  |   |             |
| a) centre curvature, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes;                                       | ± 1,0 %  | ± 1,5 %   | ISO 10545-2 |
| b) edge curvature, related to the corresponding work sizes;  | ± 1,0 %  | ± 1,5 %   | ISO 10545-2 |
| c) warpage, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes.  | ± 1,5 %  | ± 1,5 %   | ISO 10545-2 |
| Back feet (if specified)   |  |   |             |
| a) Height, h, for tiles of surface area, A   |  |   |             |
| $49 \text{ cm}^2 \le A < 60 \text{ cm}^2$  | Minimum $h = 0,7$ mm;  | Maximum $h = 3,5 \text{ mm}$  | Figure 3    |
| $A \ge 60 \text{ cm}^2$  | Minimum $h = 1,5$ mm;  | Maximum $h = 3,5 \text{ mm}$  | Figure 3    |
| b) Shape   | and as shown in on   | d by the manufacturer<br>e of the examples in<br>ure 3                  | Figure 3    |
| Example 1 (see Figure 3)   | $L_0$ – $L_0$  | $L_1 > 0$   | Figure 3    |
| Example 2 (see Figure 3)   | $L_0$ – $L_0$  | $L_2 > 0$   | Figure 3    |
| Example 3 (see Figure 3)   | $L_0 - L_0$  | $L_3 > 0$   | Figure 3    |
| Surface quality <sup>c</sup>   | from visible defects   | the tiles are to be free<br>which can impair the<br>major area of tiles | ISO 10545-2 |
| Physical property  | Precision  | Natural   | Test        |
| Water absorption Per cent mass fraction  | $\begin{array}{c} 6~\% < E_{\rm b} \leq 10~\% \\ \text{Individual maximum} \\ 11~\% \end{array}$ | $6 \% < E_{\rm b} \le 10 \%$ Individual maximum 11 %                    | ISO 10545-3 |
| Breaking strength, in Newtons  | Not less than 750  | Not less than 750   | ISO 10545-4 |
| Modulus of rupture, in Newtons per square millimetre Not applicable to tiles with breaking strength ≥ 3 000 N. | Minimum 9<br>Individual minimum 8  | Minimum 9<br>Individual minimum 8                                       | ISO 10545-4 |
| Abrasion resistance  |  |   |             |
| a) Resistance to deep abrasion of unglazed tiles: removed volume, in cubic millimetres                         | Maximum 1 062  | Maximum 1 062   | ISO 10545-6 |
| b) Resistance to surface abrasion of glazed tiles intended for use on floors <sup>d</sup>                      | Report abrasion class and cycles passed  | Report abrasion class and cycles passed                                 | ISO 10545-7 |
| Coefficient of linear thermal expansion e  |  |   |             |
| From ambient temperature to 100 °C   | Test method available  | Test method available   | ISO 10545-8 |

Table E.1 (continued)

| Physical property   | Precision  | Natural  | Test         |
|---|--|--|--------------|
| Thermal shock resistance <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-9  |
| Crazing resistance: glazed tiles f                                  | Required   | Required   | ISO 10545-11 |
| Frost resistance <sup>e</sup>                                       | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-12 |
| Moisture expansion, in millimetres per metre                        | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-10 |
| Small colour differences e  | Plain coloured tiles only where required GL: $\Delta E < 0.75$ | Plain coloured tiles only where required $GL: \Delta E < 0.75$ | ISO 10545-16 |
|   | UGL: $\Delta E < 1,0$  | UGL: $\Delta E < 1.0$  |              |
| Impact resistance <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-5  |
| Chemical property   | Precision  | Natural  | Test         |
| Resistance to staining  |  |  |              |
| a) Glazed tiles   | Minimum class 3  | Minimum class 3  | ISO 10545-14 |
| b) Unglazed tiles <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-14 |
| Resistance to chemicals   |  |  |              |
| Resistance to low concentrations of acids and alkalis:              |  |  |              |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Manufacturer is to   | Manufacturer is to   | ISO 10545-13 |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | state classification   | state classification   |              |
| Resistance to high concentrations of acids and alkalis <sup>e</sup> | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-13 |
| Resistance to household chemicals and swimming pool salts:          |  |  |              |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Minimum GB   | Minimum GB   | 100 40545 40 |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | Minimum UB   | Minimum UB   | ISO 10545-13 |
| Lead and cadmium release <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available  | Test method available  | ISO 10545-15 |

Similar joint widths are to be used to apply to traditional systems based on non-metric sizes.

b Not applicable to tiles having curved shapes.

As a result of firing, slight variations from this standard colour are unavoidable. This does not apply to intentional irregularities of colour variation of the face of tiles (which can be unglazed, glazed or partly glazed) or to the colour variation over a tile area which is characteristic for this type of tile and desirable. Spots or coloured dots which are introduced for decorative purposes are not considered a defect.

Use Annex N for the abrasion resistance classification for all glazed tiles intended for use on floors.

Annex P gives information regarding requirements which are non-compulsory but which are listed as "test method available".

Certain decorative effects can have a tendency to craze. These are to be identified by the manufacturer, in which case the crazing test given in ISO 10545-11 is not applicable.

Where applicable, tile thickness shall include the addition of back feet heights, as measured in accordance with Figure 3.

# Annex F

(normative)

# Extruded ceramic tiles $E_{\rm b}$ > 10 % Group AllI

# F.1 Requirements

Dimensional and surface quality requirements and physical and chemical properties are required to be in accordance with Table F.1.

Table F.1 — Requirements for extruded ceramic tiles — Group AIII,  $E_b > 10 \%$ 

| Dimensions and surface quality  | Precision                              | Natural                                | Test        |
|---|--|--|-------------|
| Length and width  |  |  |             |
| The manufacturer shall choose the work size as follows:   |  |  |             |
| a) for modular tiles in order to allow a<br>nominal joint width of between 3 mm and<br>11 mm <sup>a</sup> ;                                       |  |  |             |
| b) for non-modular tiles so that the difference between the work size and the nominal size is not more than $\pm3$ mm.                            |  |  |             |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the work size, $S_{\rm W}$                                 | $\pm$ 2,0 % to a maximum of $\pm$ 2 mm | $\pm$ 2,0 % to a maximum of $\pm$ 4 mm | ISO 10545-2 |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the average size of the 10 test specimens (20 or 40 sides) | ± 1,5 %                                | ± 1,5 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |
| Thickness   |  |  |             |
| a) The thickness shall be specified by the manufacturer <sup>g</sup>  |  |  |             |
| b) The deviation, in per cent, of the average thickness of each tile from the work size thickness <sup>9</sup>                                    | ± 10 %                                 | ± 10 %                                 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Straightness of sides b (facial sides)  |  |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from straightness, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes   | ± 1,0 %                                | ± 1,0 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |
| Rectangularity <sup>b</sup>   |  |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from rectangularity, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes   | ± 1,0 %                                | ± 1,0 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |

**Table F.1** (continued)

| Dimensions and surface quality   | Precision  | Natural   | Test        |
|--|--|---|-------------|
| Surface flatness   |  |   |             |
| The maximum deviation from flatness, in per cent:  |  |   |             |
| a) centre curvature, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes;                                       | ± 1,0 %  | ± 1,5 %   | ISO 10545-2 |
| b) edge curvature, related to the corresponding work sizes;  | ± 1,0 %  | ± 1,5 %   | ISO 10545-2 |
| c) warpage, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes.  | ± 1,5 %  | ± 1,5 %   | ISO 10545-2 |
| Back feet (if specified)   |  |   |             |
| a) Height, h, for tiles of surface area, A   |  |   |             |
| $49 \text{ cm}^2 \le A < 60 \text{ cm}^2$  | Minimum $h = 0,7$ mm;                                | Maximum $h = 3,5 \text{ mm}$  | Figure 3    |
| $A \ge 60 \text{ cm}^2$  | Minimum $h = 1,5$ mm;                                | Maximum $h = 3,5 \text{ mm}$  | Figure 3    |
| b) Shape   | Back feet as specified<br>and as shown in on<br>Figu | Figure 3  |             |
| Example 1 (see Figure 3)   | $L_0$ – $L_0$  | $L_1 > 0$   | Figure 3    |
| Example 2 (see Figure 3)   | $L_0$ – $L_0$  | $L_2 > 0$   | Figure 3    |
| Example 3 (see Figure 3)   | $L_0 - L_3 > 0$                                      |   | Figure 3    |
| Surface quality <sup>c</sup>   | from visible defects                                 | the tiles are to be free<br>which can impair the<br>major area of tiles | ISO 10545-2 |
| Physical property  | Precision  | Natural   | Test        |
| Water absorption Per cent mass fraction  | E <sub>b</sub> > 10 %                                | E <sub>b</sub> > 10 %   | ISO 10545-3 |
| Breaking strength, in Newtons  | Not less than 600                                    | Not less than 600   | ISO 10545-4 |
| Modulus of rupture, in Newtons per square millimetre  Not applicable to tiles with breaking strength ≥ 3 000 N | Minimum 8<br>Individual minimum 7                    | Minimum 8<br>Individual minimum 7                                       | ISO 10545-4 |
| Abrasion resistance  |  |   |             |
| a) Resistance to deep abrasion of unglazed tiles: removed volume, in cubic millimetres                         | Maximum 2 365  | Maximum 2 365   | ISO 10545-6 |
| b) Resistance to surface abrasion of glazed tiles intended for use on floors <sup>d</sup>                      | Report abrasion class and cycles passed              | Report abrasion class and cycles passed                                 | ISO 10545-7 |
| Coefficient of linear thermal expansion <sup>e</sup>   |  |   |             |
| From ambient temperature to 100 °C   | Test method available                                | Test method available   | ISO 10545-8 |

#### Table F.1 (continued)

| Physical property   | Precision                                | Natural                                  | Test          |
|---|--|--|---------------|
| Thermal shock resistance <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-9   |
| Crazing resistance: glazed tiles f                                  | Required                                 | Required                                 | ISO 10545-11  |
| Frost resistance <sup>e</sup>                                       | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-12  |
| Moisture expansion, in millimetres per metre <sup>e</sup>           | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-10  |
|   | Plain coloured tiles only where required | Plain coloured tiles only where required |               |
| Small colour differences <sup>e</sup>                               | GL: Δ <i>E</i> < 0,75                    | GL: Δ <i>E</i> < 0,75                    | ISO 10545-16  |
|   | UGL: Δ <i>E</i> < 1,0                    | UGL: Δ <i>E</i> < 1,0                    |               |
| Impact resistance <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-5   |
| Chemical property   | Precision                                | Natural                                  | Test          |
| Resistance to staining  |  |  |               |
| a) Glazed tiles   | Minimum class 3                          | Minimum class 3                          | ISO 10545-14  |
| b) Unglazed tiles <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-14  |
| Resistance to chemicals   |  |  |               |
| Resistance to low concentrations of acids and alkalis:              |  |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Manufacturer is to                       | Manufacturer is to                       |               |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | state classification                     | state classification                     | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to high concentrations of acids and alkalis <sup>e</sup> | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to household chemicals and swimming pool salts:          |  |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Minimum GB                               | Minimum GB                               | 100 405 45 40 |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | Minimum UB                               | Minimum UB                               | ISO 10545-13  |
| Lead and cadmium release <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-15  |

Similar joint widths are to be used to apply to traditional systems based on non-metric sizes.

b Not applicable to tiles having curved shapes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> As a result of firing, slight variations from this standard colour are unavoidable. This does not apply to intentional irregularities of colour variation of the face of tiles (which can be unglazed, glazed or partly glazed) or to the colour variation over a tile area which is characteristic for this type of tile and desirable. Spots or coloured dots which are introduced for decorative purposes are not considered a defect.

d Use Annex N for the abrasion resistance classification for all glazed tiles intended for use on floors.

Annex P gives information regarding requirements which are non-compulsory but which are listed as "test method available".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>f</sup> Certain decorative effects can have a tendency to craze. These are to be identified by the manufacturer, in which case the crazing test given in ISO 10545-11 is not applicable.

Where applicable, tile thickness shall include the addition of back feet heights, as measured in accordance with Figure 3.

# **Annex G**

(normative)

# Dry-pressed ceramic tiles with low water absorption $E_{\rm b} \leq$ 0,5 % Group Bla

#### **G.1** Requirements

Dimensional and surface quality requirements and physical and chemical properties are required to be in accordance with Table G.1.

Table G.1 — Requirements for dry-pressed ceramic tiles with low water absorption — Group  $Bl_a$ ,  $E_b \le 0.5 \%$ 

|  | Nomi                                  |       |       |             |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Dimensions and surface quality   | $7 \text{ cm} \leq N < 15 \text{ cm}$ | N ≥ 1 | 15 cm | Test        |
|  | mm                                    | %     | mm    |             |
| Length and width   |                                       |       |       |             |
| The manufacturer shall choose the work size as follows:  |                                       |       |       |             |
| a) for modular tiles in order to allow a<br>nominal joint width of between 2 mm and<br>5 mm <sup>a</sup> ;                               |                                       |       |       |             |
| b) for non-modular tiles so that the difference between the work size and the nominal size is not more than $\pm$ 2 % (max. $\pm$ 5 mm). |                                       |       |       |             |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the work size, $S_{\rm W}$                        | ± 0,9                                 | ± 0,6 | ± 2,0 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Thickness  |                                       |       |       |             |
| a) The thickness shall be specified by the manufacturer <sup>h</sup>   |                                       |       |       |             |
| b) The deviation, in per cent, of the average thickness of each tile from the work size thickness h                                      | ± 0,5                                 | ± 5   | ± 0,5 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Straightness of sides <sup>b</sup> (facial sides)  |                                       |       |       |             |
| The maximum deviation from straightness, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes  | ± 0,75                                | ± 0,5 | ± 1,5 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Rectangularity <sup>b</sup>  |                                       |       |       |             |
| The maximum deviation from rectangularity, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes  | ± 0,75                                | ± 0,5 | ± 2,0 | ISO 10545-2 |

Table G.1 (continued)

|   | Nominal size N  |                          |             |             |
|---|---|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Dimensions and surface quality  | ty 7 cm $\le$ N $<$ 15 cm N $\ge$ 15 cm   |                          | Test        |             |
|   | mm  | %                        | mm          |             |
| Surface flatness  |   |                          |             |             |
| The maximum deviation from flatness, in per cent:   |   |                          |             |             |
| a) centre curvature, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes;                                      | ± 0,75  | ± 0,5                    | ± 2,0       | ISO 10545-2 |
| <ul><li>b) edge curvature, related to the corresponding work sizes;</li></ul>                                 | ± 0,75  | ± 0,5                    | ± 2,0       | ISO 10545-2 |
| c) warpage, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes.   | ± 0,75  | ± 0,5                    | ± 2,0       | ISO 10545-2 |
| Back feet (if specified)  |   |                          |             |             |
| a) Height, $h$ , for tiles of surface area, $A$   |   |                          |             |             |
| $49 \text{ cm}^2 \le A < 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 0.7$ mr  | n; Maximum h             | = 3,5 mm    | Figure 3    |
| $A \ge 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 1,5$ mr  | n; Maximum h             | = 3,5 mm    | Figure 3    |
| b) Shape  | Back feet as specified as shown in one of t   |                          |             | Figure 3    |
| Example 1 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0$ -   | $-L_1 > 0$               |             | Figure 3    |
| Example 2 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0$ -   | $-L_2 > 0$               |             | Figure 3    |
| Example 3 (see Figure 3)  | L <sub>0</sub> -  | $-L_3 > 0$               |             | Figure 3    |
| Surface quality <sup>c</sup>  | A minimum of 95 % of the tiles are to be free from visible defects which can impair the appearance of a major area of tiles |                          |             | ISO 10545-2 |
| Physical property   | Requ  | irements                 |             | Test        |
| <b>Water absorption</b> Per cent mass fraction <sup>g</sup>   |   | ≤ 0,5 %<br>naximum 0,6 % | 6           | ISO 10545-3 |
| Breaking strength, in Newtons   |   |                          |             |             |
| a) Thickness ≥ 7,5 mm   | Not less  | than 1 300               |             | ISO 10545-4 |
| b) Thickness < 7,5 mm   | Not les   | s than 700               |             | ISO 10545-4 |
| Modulus of rupture, in Newtons per square millimetre Not applicable to tiles with breaking strength ≥ 3 000 N | Minimum 35<br>Individual minimum 32   |                          | ISO 10545-4 |             |
| Abrasion resistance   |   |                          |             |             |
| a) Resistance to deep abrasion of unglazed tiles: removed volume, in cubic millimetres                        | Maximum 175   |                          | ISO 10545-6 |             |
| b) Resistance to surface abrasion of glazed tiles intended for use on floors <sup>d</sup>                     | Report abrasion class and cycles passed   |                          | ISO 10545-7 |             |
| Coefficient of linear thermal expansion <sup>e</sup>  |   |                          |             |             |
| From ambient temperature to 100 °C  | Test met  | hod available            |             | ISO 10545-8 |
| Thermal shock resistance <sup>e</sup>   | Test met  | hod available            |             | ISO 10545-9 |

Table G.1 (continued)

| Physical property   | Requirements                             | Test          |
|---|--|---------------|
| Crazing resistance: glazed tiles f                                  | Required                                 | ISO 10545-11  |
| Frost resistance  | Required                                 | ISO 10545-12  |
| Moisture expansion, in millimetres per metre <sup>e</sup>           | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-10  |
|   | Plain coloured tiles only where required |               |
| Small colour differences <sup>e</sup>                               | GL: Δ <i>E</i> < 0,75                    | ISO 10545-16  |
|   | UGL: Δ <i>E</i> < 1,0                    |               |
| Impact resistance <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-5   |
| Chemical property   | Requirements                             | Test          |
| Resistance to staining  |  |               |
| a) Glazed tiles   | Minimum class 3                          | ISO 10545-14  |
| b) Unglazed tiles <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-14  |
| Resistance to chemicals   |  |               |
| Resistance to low concentrations of acids and alkalis:              |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Manufacturer is to state classification  | ISO 10545-13  |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | Manufacturer is to state classification  | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to high concentrations of acids and alkalis <sup>e</sup> | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to household chemicals and swimming pool salts:          |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Minimum GB                               | 100 405 45 40 |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | Minimum UB                               |               |
| Lead and cadmium release <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-15  |

- Similar joint widths are to be used to apply to traditional systems based on non-metric sizes.
- Not applicable to tiles having curved shapes.
- As a result of firing, slight variations from this standard colour are unavoidable. This does not apply to intentional irregularities of colour variation of the face of tiles (which can be unglazed, glazed or partly glazed) or to the colour variation over a tile area which is characteristic for this type of tile and desirable. Spots or coloured dots which are introduced for decorative purposes are not considered a defect.
- d Use Annex N for the abrasion resistance classification for all glazed tiles intended for use on floors.
- Annex P gives information regarding requirements which are non-compulsory but which are listed as "test method available".
- Certain decorative effects can have a tendency to craze. These are to be identified by the manufacturer, in which case the crazing test given in ISO 10545-11 is not applicable.
- A fully vitrified tile is a tile with water absorption of a maximum individual value of 0,5 % (sometimes described as impervious porcelain tile).
- Where applicable, tile thickness shall include the addition of back feet heights, as measured in accordance with Figure 3.

# **Annex H**

(normative)

# Dry-pressed ceramic tiles with low water absorption 0,5 % < $E_{b} \le$ 3 % Group Bl $_{b}$

# H.1 Requirements

Dimensional and surface quality requirements and physical and chemical properties are required to be in accordance with Table H.1.

Table H.1 — Requirements for dry-pressed ceramic tiles with low water absorption — Group Bl<sub>b</sub>, 0,5 % <  $E_b \le 3$  %

|  | Nominal size N   |       |       |             |
|--|------------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Dimensions and surface quality   | 7 cm ≤ N < 15 cm | N ≥ ′ | 15 cm | Test        |
|  | mm               | %     | mm    |             |
| Length and width   |                  |       |       |             |
| The manufacturer shall choose the work size as follows:  |                  |       |       |             |
| a) for modular tiles in order to allow a<br>nominal joint width of between 2 mm and<br>5 mm <sup>a</sup> ;                               |                  |       |       |             |
| b) for non-modular tiles so that the difference between the work size and the nominal size is not more than $\pm$ 2 % (max. $\pm$ 5 mm). |                  |       |       |             |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the work size, $S_{\text{W}}$                     | ± 0,9            | ± 0,6 | ± 2,0 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Thickness  |                  |       |       |             |
| a) The thickness shall be specified by the manufacturer <sup>g</sup>   |                  |       |       |             |
| b) The deviation, in per cent, of the average thickness of each tile from the work size thickness <sup>g</sup>                           | ± 0,5            | ± 5   | ± 0,5 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Straightness of sides b (facial sides)   |                  |       |       | ,           |
| The maximum deviation from straightness, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes  | ± 0,75           | ± 0,5 | ± 1,5 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Rectangularity <sup>b</sup>  |                  |       |       |             |
| The maximum deviation from rectangularity, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes  | ± 0,75           | ± 0,5 | ± 2,0 | ISO 10545-2 |

Table H.1 (continued)

| Dimensions and surface quality  | Nominal size N  |       |             | Test        |
|---|---|-------|-------------|-------------|
|   | 7 cm ≤ N < 15 cm N ≥ 15 cm  |       |             |             |
|   | mm  | %     | mm          |             |
| Surface flatness  |   |       |             |             |
| The maximum deviation from flatness, in per cent:   |   |       |             |             |
| a) centre curvature, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes;                                      | ± 0,75  | ± 0,5 | ± 2,0       | ISO 10545-2 |
| b) edge curvature, related to the corresponding work sizes;   | ± 0,75  | ± 0,5 | ± 2,0       | ISO 10545-2 |
| c) warpage, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes.   | ± 0,75  | ± 0,5 | ± 2,0       | ISO 10545-2 |
| Back feet (if specified)  |   |       |             |             |
| a) Height, h, for tiles of surface area, A  |   |       |             |             |
| $49 \text{ cm}^2 \le A < 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 0.7$ mm; Maximum $h = 3.5$ mm  |       |             | Figure 3    |
| $A \ge 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 1,5$ mm; Maximum $h = 3,5$ mm  |       |             | Figure 3    |
| b) Shape  | Back feet as specified by the manufacturer and as shown in one of the examples in Figure 3                                  |       |             | Figure 3    |
| Example 1 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0 - L_1 > 0$   |       |             | Figure 3    |
| Example 2 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0 - L_2 > 0$   |       |             | Figure 3    |
| Example 3 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0 - L_3 > 0$   |       |             | Figure 3    |
| Surface quality <sup>c</sup>  | A minimum of 95 % of the tiles are to be free from visible defects which can impair the appearance of a major area of tiles |       |             | ISO 10545-2 |
| Physical property   | Requirements  |       | Test        |             |
| Water absorption Per cent mass fraction   | $0.5~\% < E_{b} \le 3~\%$ Individual maximum $3.3~\%$   |       | ISO 10545-3 |             |
| Breaking strength, in Newtons   |   |       |             |             |
| a) Thickness ≥ 7,5 mm   | Not less than 1 100   |       |             | ISO 10545-4 |
| b) Thickness < 7,5 mm   | Not less than 700   |       | ISO 10545-4 |             |
| Modulus of rupture, in Newtons per square millimetre Not applicable to tiles with breaking strength ≥ 3 000 N | Minimum 30<br>Individual minimum 27   |       | ISO 10545-4 |             |
| Abrasion resistance   |   |       |             |             |
| a) Resistance to deep abrasion of unglazed tiles: removed volume, in cubic millimetres                        | Maximum 175   |       |             | ISO 10545-6 |
| b) Resistance to surface abrasion of glazed tiles intended for use on floors <sup>d</sup>                     | Report abrasion class and cycles passed   |       |             | ISO 10545-7 |
| Coefficient of linear thermal expansion <sup>e</sup>  |   |       |             |             |
| From ambient temperature to 100 °C  | Test method available   |       |             | ISO 10545-8 |
| Thermal shock resistance <sup>e</sup>   | Test method available   |       |             | ISO 10545-9 |

#### Table H.1 (continued)

| Physical property   | Requirements                             | Test          |
|---|--|---------------|
| Crazing resistance: glazed tiles f                                  | Required                                 | ISO 10545-11  |
| Frost resistance  | Required                                 | ISO 10545-12  |
| Moisture expansion, in millimetres per metre <sup>e</sup>           | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-10  |
|   | Plain coloured tiles only where required |               |
| Small colour differences <sup>e</sup>                               | GL: Δ <i>E</i> < 0,75                    | ISO 10545-16  |
|   | UGL: Δ <i>E</i> < 1,0                    |               |
| Impact resistance <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-5   |
| Chemical property   | Requirements                             | Test          |
| Resistance to staining  |  |               |
| a) Glazed tiles   | Minimum class 3                          | ISO 10545-14  |
| b) Unglazed tiles <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-14  |
| Resistance to chemicals   |  |               |
| Resistance to low concentrations of acids and alkalis:              |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Manufacturer is to state classification  | ISO 10545-13  |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | Manufacturer is to state classification  | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to high concentrations of acids and alkalis <sup>e</sup> | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to household chemicals and swimming pool salts:          |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Minimum GB                               | 100 405 45 40 |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | Minimum UB                               | ISO 10545-13  |
| Lead and cadmium release <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-15  |

a Similar joint widths are to be used to apply to traditional systems based on non-metric sizes.

- d Use Annex N for the abrasion resistance classification for all glazed tiles intended for use on floors.
- e Annex P gives information regarding requirements which are non-compulsory but which are listed as "test method available".
- f Certain decorative effects can have a tendency to craze. These are to be identified by the manufacturer, in which case the crazing test given in ISO 10545-11 is not applicable.
- 9 Where applicable, tile thickness shall include the addition of back feet heights, as measured in accordance with Figure 3.

b Not applicable to tiles having curved shapes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> As a result of firing, slight variations from this standard colour are unavoidable. This does not apply to intentional irregularities of colour variation of the face of tiles (which can be unglazed, glazed or partly glazed) or to the colour variation over a tile area which is characteristic for this type of tile and desirable. Spots or coloured dots which are introduced for decorative purposes are not considered a defect.

#### Annex I (informative)

On the request of ISO/TC 189, this annex is intentionally left blank. This is as a convenience to producers in order to avoid changes to packaging and related costs. In addition, at the time of publication, the market offers consumers various products identified by the matching annex numbers of this International Standard.

## Annex J (normative)

# Dry-pressed ceramic tiles 3 % $< E_{\rm b} \le$ 6 % Group Bll<sub>a</sub>

#### J.1 Requirements

Dimensional and surface quality requirements and physical and chemical properties are required to be in accordance with Table I.1.

Table J.1 — Requirements for dry-pressed ceramic tiles — Group BIIa, 3 % <  $E_b \le$  6 %

|  | Nominal size N                        |       |       |             |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Dimensions and surface quality   | $7 \text{ cm} \leq N < 15 \text{ cm}$ | N ≥ ′ | 15 cm | Test        |
|  | mm                                    | %     | mm    |             |
| Length and width   |                                       |       |       |             |
| The manufacturer shall choose the work size as follows:  |                                       |       |       |             |
| a) for modular tiles in order to allow a<br>nominal joint width of between 2 mm and<br>5 mm <sup>a</sup> ;                               |                                       |       |       |             |
| b) for non-modular tiles so that the difference between the work size and the nominal size is not more than $\pm$ 2 % (max. $\pm$ 5 mm). |                                       |       |       |             |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the work size, $S_{\text{W}}$                     | ± 0,9                                 | ± 0,6 | ± 2,0 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Thickness  |                                       |       |       |             |
| a) The thickness shall be specified by the manufacturer <sup>g</sup>   |                                       |       |       |             |
| b) The deviation, in per cent, of the average thickness of each tile from the work size thickness <sup>g</sup>                           | ± 0,5                                 | ± 5   | ± 0,5 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Straightness of sides b (facial sides)   |                                       |       |       |             |
| The maximum deviation from straightness, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes  | ± 0,75                                | ± 0,5 | ± 1,5 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Rectangularity <sup>b</sup>  |                                       |       |       |             |
| The maximum deviation from rectangularity, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes  | ± 0,75                                | ± 0,5 | ± 2,0 | ISO 10545-2 |

Table J.1 (continued)

|   | Nominal size N  |                                 |          |             |
|---|---|---------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Dimensions and surface quality  | 7 cm ≤ N < 15 cm  | i cm N ≥ 15 cm                  |          | Test        |
|   | mm  | %                               | mm       |             |
| Surface flatness  |   |                                 |          |             |
| The maximum deviation from flatness, in per cent:   |   |                                 |          |             |
| a) centre curvature, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes;                                      | ± 0,75  | ± 0,5                           | ± 2,0    | ISO 10545-2 |
| b) edge curvature, related to the corresponding work sizes;   | ± 0,75  | ± 0,5                           | ± 2,0    | ISO 10545-2 |
| c) warpage, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes.   | ± 0,75  | ± 0,5                           | ± 2,0    | ISO 10545-2 |
| Back feet (if specified)  |   |                                 |          |             |
| a) Height, $h$ , for tiles of surface area, $A$   |   |                                 |          |             |
| $49 \text{ cm}^2 \le A < 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 0,7$ mr  | n; Maximum h                    | = 3,5 mm | Figure 3    |
| $A \ge 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 1,5 \text{ mr}$  | n; Maximum h                    | = 3,5 mm | Figure 3    |
| b) Shape  | Back feet as specified by the manufacturer and as shown in one of the examples in Figure 3                                  |                                 |          | Figure 3    |
| Example 1 (see Figure 3)  | L <sub>0</sub> -  | $-L_1 > 0$                      |          | Figure 3    |
| Example 2 (see Figure 3)  | L <sub>0</sub> -  | $-L_2 > 0$                      |          | Figure 3    |
| Example 3 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0 - L_3 > 0$   |                                 |          | Figure 3    |
| Surface quality <sup>c</sup>  | A minimum of 95 % of the tiles are to be free from visible defects which can impair the appearance of a major area of tiles |                                 |          | ISO 10545-2 |
| Physical property   | Requirements  |                                 |          | Test        |
| Water absorption Per cent mass fraction   |   | $E_b \le 6 \%$<br>naximum 6,5 % | /6       | ISO 10545-3 |
| Breaking strength, in Newtons   |   |                                 |          |             |
| a) Thickness ≥ 7,5 mm   | Not less  | than 1 000                      |          | ISO 10545-4 |
| b) Thickness < 7,5 mm   | Not les   | s than 600                      |          | ISO 10545-4 |
| Modulus of rupture, in Newtons per square millimetre Not applicable to tiles with breaking strength ≥ 3 000 N | Minimum 22<br>Individual minimum 20   |                                 |          | ISO 10545-4 |
| Abrasion resistance   |   |                                 |          |             |
| a) Resistance to deep abrasion of unglazed tiles: removed volume, in cubic millimetres                        | Maximum 345   |                                 |          | ISO 10545-6 |
| b) Resistance to surface abrasion of glazed tiles intended for use on floors <sup>d</sup>                     | Report abrasion class and cycles passed   |                                 |          | ISO 10545-7 |
| Coefficient of linear thermal expansion <sup>e</sup>  |   |                                 |          |             |
| From ambient temperature to 100 °C  | Test met  | hod available                   |          | ISO 10545-8 |
| Thermal shock resistance e  | Test met  | hod available                   |          | ISO 10545-9 |

#### Table J.1 (continued)

| Physical property   | Requirements                             | Test          |
|---|--|---------------|
| Crazing resistance: glazed tiles f                                  | Required                                 | ISO 10545-11  |
| Frost resistance e  | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-12  |
| Moisture expansion, in millimetres per metre <sup>e</sup>           | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-10  |
|   | Plain coloured tiles only where required |               |
| Small colour differences <sup>e</sup>                               | GL: Δ <i>E</i> < 0,75                    | ISO 10545-16  |
|   | UGL: Δ <i>E</i> < 1,0                    |               |
| Impact resistance e   | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-5   |
| Chemical property   | Requirements                             | Test          |
| Resistance to staining  |  |               |
| a) Glazed tiles   | Minimum class 3                          | ISO 10545-14  |
| b) Unglazed tiles <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-14  |
| Resistance to chemicals   |  |               |
| Resistance to low concentrations of acids and alkalis:              |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Manufacturer is to state classification  | ISO 10545-13  |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | Manufacturer is to state classification  | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to high concentrations of acids and alkalis <sup>e</sup> | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to household chemicals and swimming pool salts:          |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Minimum GB                               | 100 405 45 40 |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | Minimum UB                               | ISO 10545-13  |
| Lead and cadmium release <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-15  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Similar joint widths are to be used to apply to traditional systems based on non-metric sizes.

- d Use Annex N for the abrasion resistance classification for all glazed tiles intended for use on floors.
- e Annex P gives information regarding requirements which are non-compulsory but which are listed as "test method available".
- f Certain decorative effects can have a tendency to craze. These are to be identified by the manufacturer, in which case the crazing test given in ISO 10545-11 is not applicable.
- 9 Where applicable, tile thickness shall include the addition of back feet heights, as measured in accordance with Figure 3.

b Not applicable to tiles having curved shapes.

c As a result of firing, slight variations from this standard colour are unavoidable. This does not apply to intentional irregularities of colour variation of the face of tiles (which can be unglazed, glazed or partly glazed) or to the colour variation over a tile area which is characteristic for this type of tile and desirable. Spots or coloured dots which are introduced for decorative purposes are not considered a defect.

### **Annex K**

(normative)

#### **Dry-pressed ceramic tiles 6** % $< E_b \le$ **10** % Group BII<sub>b</sub>

#### **K.1** Requirements

Dimensional and surface quality requirements and physical and chemical properties are required to be in accordance with Table J.1.

Table K.1 — Requirements for dry-pressed ceramic tiles — Group BII<sub>b</sub>, 6 % <  $E_b \le$  10 %

|  | Nominal size N                        |       |       |             |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Dimensions and surface quality   | $7 \text{ cm} \leq N < 15 \text{ cm}$ | N ≥ 1 | 15 cm | Test        |
|  | mm                                    | %     | mm    |             |
| Length and width   |                                       |       |       |             |
| The manufacturer shall choose the work size as follows:  |                                       |       |       |             |
| a) for modular tiles in order to allow a<br>nominal joint width of between 2 mm and<br>5 mm <sup>a</sup> ;                               |                                       |       |       |             |
| b) for non-modular tiles so that the difference between the work size and the nominal size is not more than $\pm$ 2 % (max. $\pm$ 5 mm). |                                       |       |       |             |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the work size, $S_{\rm W}$                        | ± 0,9                                 | ± 0,6 | ± 2,0 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Thickness  |                                       |       |       |             |
| a) The thickness shall be specified by the manufacturer <sup>g</sup>   |                                       |       |       |             |
| b) The deviation, in per cent, of the average thickness of each tile from the work size thickness <sup>9</sup>                           | ± 0,5                                 | ± 5   | ± 0,5 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Straightness of sides b (facial sides)   |                                       |       |       |             |
| The maximum deviation from straightness, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes  | ± 0,75                                | ± 0,5 | ± 1,5 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Rectangularity <sup>b</sup>  |                                       |       |       |             |
| The maximum deviation from rectangularity, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes  | ± 0,75                                | ± 0,5 | ± 2,0 | ISO 10545-2 |

Table K.1 (continued)

|   | Nominal size N  |                                   |          |             |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Dimensions and surface quality  | 7 cm ≤ N < 15 cm  | N ≥ 1                             | 5 cm     | Test        |
|   | mm  | %                                 | mm       |             |
| Surface flatness  |   |                                   |          |             |
| The maximum deviation from flatness, in per cent:   |   |                                   |          |             |
| a) centre curvature, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes;                                      | ± 0,75  | ± 0,5                             | ± 2,0    | ISO 10545-2 |
| <ul><li>b) edge curvature, related to the corresponding work sizes;</li></ul>                                 | ± 0,75  | ± 0,5                             | ± 2,0    | ISO 10545-2 |
| c) warpage, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes.   | ± 0,75  | ± 0,5                             | ± 2,0    | ISO 10545-2 |
| Back feet (if specified)  |   |                                   |          |             |
| a) Height, $h$ , for tiles of surface area, $A$   |   |                                   |          |             |
| $49 \text{ cm}^2 \le A < 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 0,7$ mr  | m; Maximum h                      | = 3,5 mm | Figure 3    |
| $A \ge 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 1,5 \text{ mr}$  | m; Maximum h                      | = 3,5 mm | Figure 3    |
| b) Shape  | Back feet as specified as shown in one of t   |                                   |          | Figure 3    |
| Example 1 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0$ -   | $-L_1 > 0$                        |          | Figure 3    |
| Example 2 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0$ -   | $-L_2 > 0$                        |          | Figure 3    |
| Example 3 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0 - L_3 > 0$   |                                   |          | Figure 3    |
| Surface quality <sup>c</sup>  | A minimum of 95 % of the tiles are to be free from visible defects which can impair the appearance of a major area of tiles |                                   |          | ISO 10545-2 |
| Physical property   | Requ  | irements                          |          | Test        |
| Water absorption Per cent mass fraction   |   | $E_{\rm b} \le$ 10 % maximum 11 % | ,        | ISO 10545-3 |
| Breaking strength, in Newtons   |   |                                   |          |             |
| a) Thickness ≥ 7,5 mm   | Not les   | s than 800                        |          | ISO 10545-4 |
| b) Thickness < 7,5 mm   | Not les   | s than 500                        |          | ISO 10545-4 |
| Modulus of rupture, in Newtons per square millimetre Not applicable to tiles with breaking strength ≥ 3 000 N | Minimum 18<br>Individual minimum 16   |                                   |          | ISO 10545-4 |
| Abrasion resistance   |   |                                   |          |             |
| a) Resistance to deep abrasion of unglazed tiles: removed volume, in cubic millimetres                        | Maximum 540   |                                   |          | ISO 10545-6 |
| b) Resistance to surface abrasion of glazed tiles intended for use on floors <sup>d</sup>                     | Report abrasion class and cycles passed   |                                   |          | ISO 10545-7 |
| Coefficient of linear thermal expansion <sup>e</sup>  |   |                                   |          |             |
| From ambient temperature to 100 °C  | Test met  | hod available                     |          | ISO 10545-8 |
| Thermal shock resistance <sup>e</sup>   | Test met  | hod available                     |          | ISO 10545-9 |

Table K.1 (continued)

| Physical property   | Requirements                             | Test          |
|---|--|---------------|
| Crazing resistance: glazed tiles f                                  | Required                                 | ISO 10545-11  |
| Frost resistance <sup>e</sup>                                       | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-12  |
| Moisture expansion, in millimetres per metre <sup>e</sup>           | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-10  |
|   | Plain coloured tiles only where required |               |
| Small colour differences <sup>e</sup>                               | GL: Δ <i>E</i> < 0,75                    | ISO 10545-16  |
| 3   | UGL: Δ <i>E</i> < 1,0                    |               |
| Impact resistance <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-5   |
| Chemical property   | Requirements                             | Test          |
| Resistance to staining  |  |               |
| a) Glazed tiles   | Minimum class 3                          | ISO 10545-14  |
| b) Unglazed tiles <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-14  |
| Resistance to chemicals   |  |               |
| Resistance to low concentrations of acids and alkalis:              |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Manufacturer is to state classification  | ISO 10545-13  |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | Manufacturer is to state classification  | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to high concentrations of acids and alkalis <sup>e</sup> | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-13  |
| Resistance to household chemicals and swimming pool salts:          |  |               |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Minimum GB                               | 100 405 45 40 |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | Minimum UB                               | ISO 10545-13  |
| Lead and cadmium release <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-15  |

Similar joint widths are to be used to apply to traditional systems based on non-metric sizes.

Not applicable to tiles having curved shapes.

As a result of firing, slight variations from this standard colour are unavoidable. This does not apply to intentional irregularities of colour variation of the face of tiles (which can be unglazed, glazed or partly glazed) or to the colour variation over a tile area which is characteristic for this type of tile and desirable. Spots or coloured dots which are introduced for decorative purposes are not considered a defect.

d Use Annex N for the abrasion resistance classification for all glazed tiles intended for use on floors.

Annex P gives information regarding requirements which are non-compulsory but which are listed as "test method available".

Certain decorative effects can have a tendency to craze. These are to be identified by the manufacturer, in which case the crazing test given in ISO 10545-11 is not applicable.

Where applicable, tile thickness shall include the addition of back feet heights, as measured in accordance with Figure 3.

## Annex L (normative)

(Hormative)

# Dry-pressed ceramic tiles $E_{\rm b}$ > 10 % Group BIII

#### L.1 Requirements

Dimensional and surface quality requirements and physical and chemical properties are required to be in accordance with Table K.1.

Table L.1 — Requirements for dry-pressed ceramic tiles — Group BIII,  $E_b > 10 \%$ 

|  | Nominal size N   |       |       |             |  |
|--|------------------|-------|-------|-------------|--|
| Dimensions and surface quality   | 7 cm ≤ N < 15 cm | N ≥ ′ | 15 cm | Test        |  |
|  | mm               | %     | mm    |             |  |
| Length and width   |                  |       |       |             |  |
| The manufacturer shall choose the work size as follows:  |                  |       |       |             |  |
| a) for modular tiles in order to allow a<br>nominal joint width of between 1,5 mm and<br>5 mm <sup>a</sup> ;                             |                  |       |       |             |  |
| b) for non-modular tiles so that the difference between the work size and the nominal size is not more than $\pm$ 2 % (max. $\pm$ 5 mm). |                  |       |       |             |  |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the work size, $S_{\text{W}}$                     | ± 0,75           | ± 0,5 | ± 2,0 | ISO 10545-2 |  |
| Thickness  |                  |       |       |             |  |
| a) The thickness shall be specified by the manufacturer <sup>h</sup>   |                  |       |       |             |  |
| b) The deviation, in per cent, of the average thickness of each tile from the work size thickness h                                      | ± 0,5            | ± 10  | ± 0,5 | ISO 10545-2 |  |
| Straightness of sides b (facial sides)   |                  |       |       |             |  |
| The maximum deviation from straightness, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes  | ± 0,5            | ± 0,3 | ± 1,5 | ISO 10545-2 |  |
| Rectangularity <sup>b</sup>  |                  |       |       |             |  |
| The maximum deviation from rectangularity, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes  | ± 0,75           | ± 0,5 | ± 2,0 | ISO 10545-2 |  |

Table L.1 (continued)

|   | Nominal size N  |               |              |             |
|---|---|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Dimensions and surface quality  | 7 cm ≤ N < 15 cm N ≥ 15 cm  |               | Test         |             |
|   | mm  | %             | mm           |             |
| Surface flatness  |   |               |              |             |
| The maximum deviation from flatness, in percent:  |   |               |              |             |
| a) centre curvature, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes;                                      | +0,75<br>-0,5   | +0,5<br>-0,3  | +2,0<br>-1,5 | ISO 10545-2 |
| b) edge curvature, related to the corresponding work sizes;   | +0,75<br>-0,5   | +0,5<br>-0,3  | +2,0<br>-1,5 | ISO 10545-2 |
| c) warpage, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes.   | ± 0,75  | ± 0,5         | ± 2,0        | ISO 10545-2 |
| Back feet (if specified)  |   |               |              |             |
| a) Height, h, for tiles of surface area, A  |   |               |              |             |
| $49 \text{ cm}^2 \le A < 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 0.7$ mr  | m; Maximum h  | = 3,5 mm     | Figure 3    |
| $A \ge 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 1,5 \text{ mr}$  | m; Maximum h  | = 3,5 mm     | Figure 3    |
| b) Shape  | Back feet as specified by the manufacturer and as shown in one of the examples in Figure 3                                      |               | Figure 3     |             |
| Example 1 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0$   | $-L_1 > 0$    |              | Figure 3    |
| Example 2 (see Figure 3)  | L <sub>0</sub> ·  | $-L_2 > 0$    |              | Figure 3    |
| Example 3 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0 - L_3 > 0$   |               | Figure 3     |             |
| Surface quality <sup>c</sup>  | A minimum of 95 % of the tiles are to be free from visible defects which can impair the appearance of a major area of tiles     |               |              | ISO 10545-2 |
| Physical property   | Requ  | irements      |              | Test        |
| Water absorption Per cent mass fraction   | E <sub>b</sub> > 10 %. Where the average exceeds 20 %, this shall be indicated by the manufacturer Individual minimum value 9 % |               | ISO 10545-3  |             |
| Breaking strength, in Newtons <sup>g</sup>  |   |               |              |             |
| a) Thickness ≥ 7,5 mm   | Not les   | s than 600    |              | ISO 10545-4 |
| b) Thickness < 7,5 mm   | Not les   | s than 200    |              | ISO 10545-4 |
| Modulus of rupture, in Newtons per square millimetre Not applicable to tiles with breaking strength ≥ 3 000 N |   |               |              | ISO 10545-4 |
| a) Thickness ≥ 7,5 mm   | Minimum 12  |               |              | ISO 10545-4 |
| b) Thickness < 7,5 mm   | Minimum 15  |               | ISO 10545-4  |             |
| Abrasion resistance   |   |               |              |             |
| Resistance to surface abrasion of glazed tiles intended for use on floors <sup>d</sup>                        | Report abrasion class and cycles passed   |               |              | ISO 10545-7 |
| Coefficient of linear thermal expansion <sup>e</sup>  |   |               |              |             |
| From ambient temperature to 100 °C  | Test met  | hod available |              | ISO 10545-8 |

#### Table L.1 (continued)

| Physical property   | Requirements                             | Test         |
|---|--|--------------|
| Thermal shock resistance <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-9  |
| Crazing resistance: glazed tiles f                                  | Required                                 | ISO 10545-11 |
| Frost resistance e  | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-12 |
| Moisture expansion, in millimetres per metre <sup>e</sup>           | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-10 |
|   | Plain coloured tiles only where required |              |
| Small colour differences <sup>e</sup>                               | GL: $\Delta E < 0.75$                    | ISO 10545-16 |
|   | UGL: Δ <i>E</i> < 1,0                    |              |
| Impact resistance <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-5  |
| Chemical property   | Requirements                             | Test         |
| Resistance to staining  |  |              |
| a) Glazed tiles   | Minimum class 3                          | ISO 10545-14 |
| Resistance to chemicals   |  |              |
| Resistance to low concentrations of acids and alkalis               | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-13 |
| Resistance to high concentrations of acids and alkalis <sup>e</sup> | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-13 |
| Resistance to household chemicals and                               | Minimum OD                               | ISO 10545-13 |
| swimming pool salts: glazed tiles                                   | Minimum GB                               | 130 10343-13 |

- <sup>a</sup> Similar joint widths are to be used to apply to traditional systems based on non-metric sizes.
- b Not applicable to tiles having curved shapes.
- <sup>c</sup> As a result of firing, slight variations from this standard colour are unavoidable. This does not apply to intentional irregularities of colour variation of the face of tiles (which can be unglazed, glazed or partly glazed) or to the colour variation over a tile area which is characteristic for this type of tile and desirable. Spots or coloured dots which are introduced for decorative purposes are not considered a defect.
- d Use Annex N for the abrasion resistance classification for all glazed tiles intended for use on floors.
- e Annex P gives information regarding requirements which are non-compulsory but which are listed as "test method available".
- f Certain decorative effects can have a tendency to craze. These are to be identified by the manufacturer, in which case the crazing test given in ISO 10545-11 is not applicable.
- <sup>9</sup> Tiles with breaking strength less than 400 N are intended for use on walls only and the manufacturer is required to specify the intended use.
- h Where applicable, tile thickness shall include the addition of back feet heights, as measured in accordance with Figure 3.

#### **Annex M**

(normative)

## Extruded ceramic tiles with low water absorption $E_{\rm b} \leq$ 0,5 % Group Al<sub>a</sub>

#### M.1 Requirements

Dimensional and surface quality requirements and physical and chemical properties are required to be in accordance with Table L.1.

Table M.1 — Requirements for extruded ceramic tiles — Group Ala,  $E_b$  < 0,5 %

| Dimensions and surface quality  | Precision                              | Natural                                | Test        |
|---|--|--|-------------|
| Length and width  |  |  |             |
| The manufacturer shall choose the work size as follows:   |  |  |             |
| a) for modular tiles in order to allow a<br>nominal joint width of between 3 mm and<br>11 mm <sup>a</sup> ;                                       |  |  |             |
| b) for non-modular tiles so that the difference between the work size and the nominal size is not more than $\pm$ 3 mm.                           |  |  |             |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the work size, $S_{\rm W}$                                 | $\pm$ 1,0 % to a maximum of $\pm$ 2 mm | $\pm$ 2,0 % to a maximum of $\pm$ 4 mm | ISO 10545-2 |
| The deviation, in per cent, of the average size for each tile (two or four sides) from the average size of the 10 test specimens (20 or 40 sides) | ± 1,0 %                                | ± 1,5 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |
| Thickness   |  |  |             |
| a) The thickness shall be specified by the manufacturer <sup>h</sup>  |  |  |             |
| b) The deviation, in per cent, of the average thickness of each tile from the work size thickness h   | ± 10 %                                 | ± 10 %                                 | ISO 10545-2 |
| Straightness of sides b (facial sides)  |  |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from straightness, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes   | ± 0,5 %                                | ± 0,6 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |
| Rectangularity <sup>b</sup>   |  |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from rectangularity, in per cent, related to the corresponding work sizes   | ± 1,0 %                                | ± 1,0 %                                | ISO 10545-2 |

Table M.1 (continued)

| Dimensions and surface quality  | Precision   | Natural  | Test        |
|---|---|--|-------------|
| Surface flatness  |   |  |             |
| The maximum deviation from flatness, in per cent:   |   |  |             |
| a) centre curvature, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes;                                      | ± 0,5 %   | ± 1,5 %  | ISO 10545-2 |
| <ul><li>b) edge curvature, related to the corresponding work sizes;</li></ul>                                 | ± 0,5 %   | ± 1,5 %  | ISO 10545-2 |
| c) warpage, related to diagonal calculated from the work sizes.   | ± 0,8 %   | ± 1,5 %  | ISO 10545-2 |
| Back feet (if specified)  |   |  |             |
| a) Height, $h$ , for tiles of surface area, $A$   |   |  |             |
| $49 \text{ cm}^2 \le A < 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 0,7$ mm;                                     | Maximum $h = 3,5 \text{ mm}$                           | Figure 3    |
| $A \ge 60 \text{ cm}^2$   | Minimum $h = 1,5$ mm;                                     | Maximum $h = 3,5 \text{ mm}$                           | Figure 3    |
| b) Shape  | and as shown in on  | d by the manufacturer<br>e of the examples in<br>ure 3 | Figure 3    |
| Example 1 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0$ – $L_0$   | $L_1 > 0$  | Figure 3    |
| Example 2 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0 - L_0$   | $L_2 > 0$  | Figure 3    |
| Example 3 (see Figure 3)  | $L_0$ – $L_0$   | <i>L</i> <sub>3</sub> > 0                              | Figure 3    |
| Surface quality <sup>c</sup>  | A minimum of 95 % of from visible defects appearance of a | ISO 10545-2  |             |
| Physical property   | Precision Natural   |  | Test        |
| <b>Water absorption</b> Per cent mass fraction <sup>g</sup>   | $E_{\rm b} \le 0.5~\%$ Individual maximum 0,6 %           | $E_{\rm b} \le 0.5~\%$ Individual maximum 0,6 %        | ISO 10545-3 |
| Breaking strength, in Newtons   |   |  |             |
| a) Thickness ≥ 7,5 mm   | Not less than 1 300                                       | Not less than 1 300                                    | ISO 10545-4 |
| b) Thickness < 7,5 mm   | Not less than 600   | Not less than 600                                      | ISO 10545-4 |
| Modulus of rupture, in Newtons per square millimetre Not applicable to tiles with breaking strength ≥ 3 000 N | Minimum 28<br>Individual minimum 21                       | Minimum 28 Minimum 28 Individual minimum 21            |             |
| Abrasion resistance   |   |  |             |
| a) Resistance to deep abrasion of unglazed tiles: removed volume, in cubic millimetres                        | Maximum 275 Maximum 275                                   |  | ISO 10545-6 |
| b) Resistance to surface abrasion of glazed tiles intended for use on floors <sup>d</sup>                     | Report abrasion class and cycles passed                   | Report abrasion class and cycles passed                | ISO 10545-7 |
| Coefficient of linear thermal expansion <sup>e</sup>  |   |  |             |
| From ambient temperature to 100 °C  | Test method available                                     | Test method available                                  | ISO 10545-8 |
| Thermal shock resistance e  | Test method available                                     | Test method available                                  | ISO 10545-9 |

Table M.1 (continued)

| Physical property   | Precision                                | Natural                                  | Test         |
|---|--|--|--------------|
| Crazing resistance: glazed tiles f                                  | Required                                 | Required                                 | ISO 10545-11 |
| Frost resistance  | Required                                 | Required                                 | ISO 10545-12 |
| Moisture expansion, in millimetres per metre <sup>e</sup>           | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-10 |
| Small colour differences <sup>e</sup>                               | Plain coloured tiles only where required | Plain coloured tiles only where required | ISO 10545-16 |
|   | GL: Δ <i>E</i> < 0,75                    | GL: Δ <i>E</i> < 0,75                    |              |
|   | UGL: Δ <i>E</i> < 1,0                    | UGL: Δ <i>E</i> < 1,0                    |              |
| Impact resistance <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-5  |
| Chemical property   | Precision                                | Natural                                  | Test         |
| Resistance to staining  |  |  |              |
| a) Glazed tiles   | Minimum class 3                          | Minimum class 3                          | ISO 10545-14 |
| b) Unglazed tiles <sup>e</sup>                                      | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-14 |
| Resistance to chemicals   |  |  |              |
| Resistance to low concentrations of acids and alkalis:              |  |  |              |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Manufacturer is to state classification  | Manufacturer is to state classification  | ISO 10545-13 |
| b) unglazed tiles.  |  |  |              |
| Resistance to high concentrations of acids and alkalis <sup>e</sup> | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-13 |
| Resistance to household chemicals and swimming pool salts:          |  |  |              |
| a) glazed tiles;  | Minimum GB                               | Minimum GB                               | ISO 10545-13 |
| b) unglazed tiles.  | Minimum UB                               | Minimum UB                               |              |
| Lead and cadmium release <sup>e</sup>                               | Test method available                    | Test method available                    | ISO 10545-15 |

- а Similar joint widths are to be used to apply to traditional systems based on non-metric sizes.
- Not applicable to tiles having curved shapes.
- As a result of firing, slight variations from this standard colour are unavoidable. This does not apply to intentional irregularities of colour variation of the face of tiles (which can be unglazed, glazed or partly glazed) or to the colour variation over a tile area which is characteristic for this type of tile and desirable. Spots or coloured dots which are introduced for decorative purposes are not considered a defect.
- d Use Annex N for the abrasion resistance classification for all glazed tiles intended for use on floors.
- Annex P gives information regarding requirements which are non-compulsory but which are listed as "test method available".
- Certain decorative effects can have a tendency to craze. These are to be identified by the manufacturer, in which case the crazing test given in ISO 10545-11 is not applicable.
- A fully vitrified tile is a tile with water absorption of a maximum individual value of 0,5 % (porcelain tile).
- Where applicable, tile thickness shall include the addition of back feet heights, as measured in accordance with Figure 3.

#### Annex N

(informative)

#### Classification of glazed tiles for floors according to their abrasion resistance

This approximate classification is given for guidance only (see ISO 10545-7). It is not to be taken to provide accurate product specifications for specific requirements.

- Class 0 Glazed tiles in this class are not recommended for use on floors.
- Class 1 Floor coverings in areas which are walked on, essentially with soft-soled footwear or bare feet without scratching dirt (for example residential bathrooms and bedrooms without direct access from the outside).
- Class 2 Floor coverings in areas which are walked on by soft-soled or normal footwear, with, at the most, occasional small amounts of scratching dirt (for example rooms in the living areas of homes, but with the exception of kitchens, entrances and other rooms which can have a lot of traffic). This does not apply to abnormal footwear, for example hobnailed boots.
- Class 3 Floor coverings in areas which, with normal footwear, are walked on more often with small amounts of scratching dirt (for example residential kitchens, halls, corridors, balconies, loggias and terraces). This does not apply to abnormal footwear, for example hobnailed boots.
- Class 4 Floor coverings which are walked on by regular traffic with some scratching dirt so that the conditions are more severe than class 3 (for example entrances, commercial kitchens, hotel, exhibition and sale rooms).
- Class 5 Floor coverings which are subjected to severe pedestrian traffic over sustained periods with some scratching dirt, so that the conditions are the most severe for which glazed floor tiles are to be suitable (for example public areas, such as shopping centres, airport concourses, hotel foyers, public walkways and industrial applications).

This classification is valid for the given applications under normal conditions. Consideration should be given to the footwear, type of traffic and cleaning methods expected, and the floors should be adequately protected against scratching dirt at the entrances to buildings by interposing footwear cleaning devices. In extreme cases of very heavy traffic and quantities of scratching dirt, unglazed floor tiles and quarries from Group I may be considered.

#### **Annex O** (informative)

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## **Annex P** (informative)

#### **Test methods**

A number of test methods that are included in this International Standard are available on request, but do not form part of the compulsory test requirements. The purpose of this annex is to provide explanatory comments on the inclusion of these tests and other pertinent information.

- ISO 10545-5: this test is intended only for testing tiles which are used in areas where impact resistance is considered to be of particular importance. The normal requirement for light-duty installations is a coefficient of restitution of 0,55. For heavier duty applications, a higher figure is required.
- ISO 10545-8: most ceramic tiles have low levels of linear thermal expansion. This test is intended for tiles which are installed in conditions of high thermal variation.
- ISO 10545-9: all ceramic tiles withstand high temperatures. This test is to be applied to any ceramic tile
  which is subjected to localized thermal shock.
- ISO 10545-10: the majority of glazed and unglazed tiles have negligible moisture expansion, which does not contribute to tiling problems if tiles are correctly fixed (installed). However, with unsatisfactory fixing practices or in certain climatic conditions, moisture expansion in excess of 0,06 % (0,6 mm/m) can contribute to problems.
- ISO 10545-12: this test is compulsory only for products which are intended to be specified for use where
  frost can apply. The test is not required for product groups which are generally unsuitable for use where
  frost is present.
- ISO 10545-13: ceramic tiles are normally resistant to common chemicals. The test for high concentrations
  of acids and alkalis is intended for ceramic tiles which are to be used in potentially corrosive conditions.
- ISO 10545-14: this test is compulsory for glazed tiles. For unglazed tiles, where staining is a problem, it is recommended that the manufacturer be consulted. This method does not address the temporary colour changes which can occur in certain types of glazed tile due to the absorption of water in the body under the glaze.
- ISO 10545-15: this test is intended for glazed tiles which are used on worktops and on wall surfaces where food preparation takes place, and in cases where food is to be in direct contact with the glazed tile surface. For indicative limits, see Directive 2005/31/EC.
- ISO 10545-16: this test is only applicable to plain coloured glazed or unglazed tiles and is considered to be of importance in certain specialized circumstances. It is to be used only where small colour differences between plain coloured tiles are important in a specification.

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### Annex R

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### Symbols recommended for use

The use of symbols on packaging and/or literature is not a requirement except where stated; however, the symbols shown in Figure O.1 are recommended to indicate intended use:

- tile suitable for use on floors;
- tile suitable for use on walls; b)
- the numerals, of which this is an example, indicate the classification of a glazed tile intended for use on floors according to its abrasion resistance (see Annex N);
- symbol to indicate a frost-resistant tile.

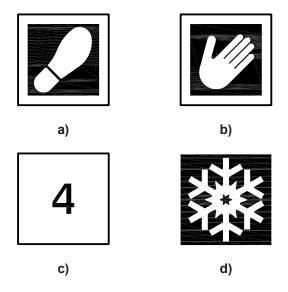


Figure R.1 — Recommended symbols

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