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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 238, *Solid biofuels*.

Introduction

This International Standard has been written in accordance with ISO 10241. This International Standard is based on European standard EN 14588:2010 as well as on approved national standards and manuals. Some of the terms included in this International Standard are only used in particular countries.

In this International Standard instead of the legal definition *waste* the technical terms *residue*, and *by-product* are used to describe co-products from forestry and arboriculture, agriculture and horticulture, and aquaculture as well as related industries. The terms and definitions are harmonized as far as possible with the current language used in management as well as in regulatory activities.

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1 Scope

This international standard determines the terminology and definitions for solid biofuels. According to the scope of the ISO/TC 238 this standard only includes raw and processed material originating from

- forestry and arboriculture,
- agriculture and horticulture,
- aquaculture

NOTE 1 Raw and processed material includes woody, herbaceous, fruit and aquatic biomass from the sectors mentioned above.

NOTE 2 Chemically treated material does not include halogenated organic compounds or heavy metals at levels higher than those in typical virgin material values or higher than typical values of the country of origin.

Materials originating from different recycling processes of end-of-life-products are not within the scope but relevant terms are included for information. Areas covered by ISO/TC28/SC7 "Liquid biofuels" and ISO/TC193 "Natural gas" are excluded.

Other standards with a different scope than this International Standard may have different definitions than this standard.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

Not applicable.

3 Principle

This International Standard only contains terms used to describe solid biofuels within the scope of ISO/TC 238, see Figure 1.

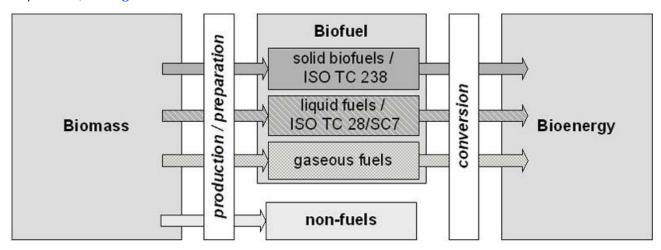


Figure 1 — ISO/TC 238 within the biomass-biofuel-bioenergy field

Solid biofuels are produced from different sources, which are defined within the scope of ISO/TC 238 "Solid Biofuels". Terms and definitions are categorised in a logical structure based on the fact that solid biofuels are produced from different sources and that solid biofuels are used to produce bioenergy:

- origin and source of solid biofuels in the overall supply chain,
- the different traded forms as well as the different forms of biofuels produced within the preparation processes,
- the most relevant solid biofuel properties and terms of sampling and testing as well as classification and specification
- the description of the solid biofuels itself as well as their handling and processing given in the same structure as the biomass sources
- bioenergy as the result of solid biofuel conversion

Appropriate terms for sampling and testing as well as classification and specification of properties have to be defined and described together with the category *source/origin*, *type and properties of solid biofuels*. The necessarity of terms defined in this International Technical Standard is in many cases based on the classification system of solid biofuels given in ISO 17225-1, in which the classification of solid biofuels is specified in more detail.

Terms and definitions 4

4.1

absorption

phenomenon whereby atoms, ions, or molecules from a gas, liquid, or dissolved solid permeates or is dissolved by a liquid or solid (the absorbent)

Note 1 to entry: Adsorption is a surface-based process while absorption involves the whole *volume* of the material.

[SOURCE: ISO 18757:2003]

4.2

adsorption

phenomenon whereby atoms, ions, or molecules from a gas, liquid, or dissolved solid adheres to a surface whereby the process creates a film of the adsorbate on the surface of the adsorbent

[SOURCE: ISO 18757:2003]

4.3

additive

material which has been intentionally introduced into the *fuel feedstock* to improve *quality* of *fuel* (e.g. combustion properties), to reduce emissions or to make production more efficient

Note 1 to entry: Trace amounts of e.g. grease or other lubricants that are introduced into the *fuel* processing stream as part of normal mill operations are not considered as *additives*.

[SOURCE: ISO 17225-2:2014]

4.4

agrofuels

biofuels obtained from energy crops and/or agricultural by-products (agricultural residues)

[SOURCE: FAO unified bioenergy terminology (UBET)]

4.5

air dried

condition in which the solid biofuel has dried in air to equilibrium moisture content

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992]

angle of repose

critical angle of repose

steepest angle of descent measured in degrees of the slope of material relative to the horizontal plane when granular material on the slope face is on the verge of sliding

Note 1 to entry: The slope may be the convex perimeter of a conical pile on a flat surface.

[SOURCE: ISO 4324:1977]

4.7

angle of drain

steepest angle of descent measured in degrees of the slope of material relative to the horizontal plane when granular material on the slope face is on the verge of sliding

Note 1 to entry: When *biomass* is held in a silo or hopper and drained through a gate at the bottom the material is usually forming a cone within which the material, especially material with high *particle* aspect ratio such as pellets, partially becomes interlocked before released by the forces of gravity.

Note 2 to entry: The angle of drain is normally a few degrees higher than the angle of repose.

4.8

animal biomass

biomass obtained from livestock

4.9

animal by-products

animal residues

agricultural by-products (or agricultural residues) obtained from livestock operations

Note 1 to entry: It includes among others solid excreta of animals.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.10

aquatic biomass

biomass from so called hydrophytic plants or hydrophytes, which are plants that have adapted to living in or on aquatic environments

[SOURCE: ISO 17225-1:2014]

4.11

as analysed

determined basis

condition in which the *moisture content* of the *solid biofuel* is the content of the material at the moment of analysis/determination

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992]

4.12

as received

as delivered

ar

calculation basis for a material in the delivery state

Note 1 to entry: The abbreviation of as received is ar.

[SOURCE: ISO 15357:2011]

4.13

ash

ash content

total ash

mass of inorganic residue remaining after combustion of a fuel under specified conditions, typically expressed as a percentage of the mass of dry matter in fuel

Note 1 to entry: See also ash fusibility, natural ash, extraneous ash.

Note 2 to entry: Depending on the combustion efficiency the ash may contain combustibles.

Note 3 to entry: If a complete combustion is realized ash contains only inorganic, non-combustible components.

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992]

4.14

ash deformation temperature

temperature at which first signs of rounding due to melting of the edges of the ash test piece occur

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.15

ash flow temperature

temperature at which the ash is spread out over the supporting tile in a layer, the height of which is half of the height of the test piece at the ash hemisphere temperature

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.16

ash fusibility

ash melting behaviour

characteristic physical state of the ash obtained by heating under specific conditions

Note 1 to entry: *Ash fusibility* is determined under either oxidising or reducing conditions.

Note 2 to entry: See also ash deformation temperature, ash flow temperature, ash hemisphere temperature and ash shrinkage starting temperature.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.17

ash hemisphere temperature

temperature at which the height of a test piece, prepared from ash by a specific procedure, is equal to half the width of the base, and its shape becomes approximately hemispherical

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.18

ash shrinkage starting temperature

temperature at which shrinking of the test piece occurs

Note 1 to entry: This temperature is defined as when the area of the test piece falls below 95 % of the original test piece area at 550°C.

4.19

bag weight

weight of the *fuel* plus the bag

baled biofuel

bale

solid biofuel which has been compressed and bound to keep its shape and density

Straw bales, bales of energy grass, bales of treetops and branches.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.21

bark

organic cellular tissue which is formed by taller plants (trees, bushes) on the outside of the growth zone (cambium) as a shell for the wooden body

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.22

basic density

ratio of the mass on dry basis and the solid volume on green basis

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.23

biobased

derived from biomass

[SOURCE: EN 16575:2013]

4.24

biobased content

fraction of a fuel that is derived from biomass

Note 1 to entry: Normally expressed as a percentage of the total mass of the product.

[SOURCE: EN 16575:2013]

4.25

biobased product

biobased industrial product

bioproduct

product wholly or partly derived from biomass

Note 1 to entry: The biobased product is normally characterized by the biobased carbon content or the biobased content.

[SOURCE: EN 16575:2013]

4.26

bioenergy

energy derived from biomass

Note 1 to entry: Biomass may either be directly converted into energy or processed into solids, liquids or gases.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.27

solid, liquid or gaseous fuel produced directly or indirectly from biomass

4.28

biofuel blend

biofuel resulting from intentionally mixing of different biofuels

Straw or energy grass with wood, dried biosludge with bark.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.29

biofuel briquette

densified biofuel made with or without additives in the form of cubiform, polyhedral, polyhydric or cylindrical units with a diameter of more than 25 mm, produced by compressing biomass

Note 1 to entry: Usually the *biomass* has been milled before densification.

Note 2 to entry: See also non-woody briquette and wood briquette.

[SOURCE: ISO 17225-3:2014]

4.30

biofuel mixture

biofuel resulting from natural or unintentional mixing of different biofuels and/or different types of biomass

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.31

biofuel pellet

biofuel made with or without additives in the form of cubiform, polyhedral, polyhydric or cylindrical units with a diameter up to 25 mm, produced by compressing biomassNOTE 1 to entry: Usually the biomass has been milled before densification.

Note 1 to entry: See also non-woody pellet and wood pellet.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.32

biomass

material of biological origin excluding material embedded in geological formations and/or fossilized

Note 1 to entry: Biomass is organic material that is plant or animal based, including but not limited to dedicated energy crops, agricultural crops and trees, food, feed and fibre crop residues, aquatic plants, algae, forestry and wood residues, agricultural wastes, processing by-products and other non fossil organic matters.

Note 2 to entry: See also herbaceous biomass, fruit biomass, and woody biomass.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.33

biomass by-product

a secondary product which is made incidentially during the production of something else

EXAMPLE Sawdust when sawing timber.

4.34

biomass residue

biomass from well-defined side-streams from forestry, agricultural, aqua cultural and related industrial operations

Olive cake after pressing of oil, logging residues. **EXAMPLE**

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

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biomass resource owner

body or enterprise with the right to exploit the biomass resources for energy purposes

Note 1 to entry: The biomass resource owner can be a land or forest owner, a company etc.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.36

biomethane

methane produced from biomass (e.g. solid biofuels)

Note 1 to entry: Biomethane is not a *solid biofuel*. The term is included for information only.

4.37

biosludge

sludge formed in the aeration basin during biological waste water treatment or biological treatment process and separated by sedimentation or flotation

Note 1 to entry: Biosludge has to be treated to transfer into solid biomass.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.38

black liquor

liquor obtained from wood during the process of pulp production, in which the energy content is mainly originating from the content of lignin removed from the wood in the pulping process

Note 1 to entry: Black liquor contains also pulping chemicals.

Note 2 to entry: Black liquor is not a solid biofuel. The term is included for information only.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.39

bridging

arching

hindering flow that occurs when particles form stable arch across an opening

[SOURCE: Woodcock and Mason. Bulk Solids Handling]

4.40

bulk density

ρ

mass of a portion (i.e. a large quantity of particulate material) of a solid *fuel* divided by the *volume* of the container which is filled by that portion under specific conditions

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992]

4.41

bulk volume

loose volume

volume of a material including space between the particles

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.42

bundled biofuel

hundle

solid biofuels which has been bound together and where there is a lengthwise orientation of the material

EXAMPLE Bundles of *energy forest trees* and *logging residues*, small trees, or branches and tops.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

calorific value

heating value

energy amount per unit mass or *volume* released on complete combustion

Note 1 to entry: See also gross calorific value, energy density, net calorific value.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.44

cereal crops

annual crops grown with the main purpose of using the seed for food production

Note 1 to entry: Some cereal crops can be used as a *solid biofuel*.

EXAMPLE Barley, wheat, rye, oat.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

certified reference material

CRM

reference material one or more of whose property values are certified by a technically valid procedure, accompanied by or traceable to a certificate or other documentation which is issued by a certifying body

[SOURCE: ISO 16967]

4.46

char

solid partially or non-agglomerated carbonaceous material produced from thermo-chemical conversion of solid fuels

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992]

4.47

charcoal

biochar

biocarbon

biocoke

biocoal

solid biofuel derived from carbonization distillation and pyrolysis of biomass

[SOURCE: ANSI/ASABE S593]

4.48

chemical treatment

any treatment with chemicals other than air, water or heat

[SOURCE: ISO 17225-7:2014]

4.49

chopped straw

straw which has been cut into small pieces

chunkwood

wood cut with sharp cutting devices where most of the material have typical *particle* lengths of 50 to 150 mm, which are substantially longer and coarser than *wood chips*

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.51

coke

the solid *residue* of impure carbon obtained from carbon rich *feedstock* after removal of volatile material by destructive distillation

[SOURCE: ANSI/ASABE S593-2006]

4.52

combined sample

sample consisting of all the increments taken from a lot or a sub-lot

Note 1 to entry: The *increments* may be reduced by division before being added to the combined *sample*.

[SOURCE: EN 14780:2011]

4.53

complete tree

tree, including limbs and root system

Note 1 to entry: See also whole tree.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.54

condensable gas

gas which is going through transition from gaseous to liquid or solid state at a certain temperature

Note 1 to entry: The process is reversible but not necessarily at the same temperature.

4.55

contamination

exposure to impurity such as poisonous or polluting substance to a fuel

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.56

coproduct

any of two or more products coming from the same unit process or product system

[SOURCE: ISO 14040:2006]

4.57

critical control point

quality control point

CCP

point within or between processes at which relevant properties can be most readily assessed; quality control points also offer the greatest potential for *quality* improvement

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.58

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cross-cut ends

short pieces of *woody biomass* which occur when the ends of logs or sawn timber are cross cut off, with or without *bark*

4.59

customer

organization or person that receives a product

[SOURCE: ISO 9000:2005]

4.60

cutter chips

wood chips made as a by-product of the wood processing industry, with or without bark

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.61

deflagration

violent event describing subsonic combustion propagating by means of hot burning material (usually dust) heating the next layer of cold material and igniting it in consecutive sequence

Note 1 to entry: The process can be characterized as an exploding fire whereby the burning material partly deposits on surfaces in its path and causing significant damage and injuries.

[SOURCE: EN 13857-1:2003]

4.62

deflagration index

measure in bar meter per second and a product of the pressure rate and propagation of an explosion as established by testing standards

4.63

delivery agreement

contract for fuel trade, which specifies e.g. origin and source, quality and quantity of the fuel, as well as delivery terms

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.64

delivery lot

solid biofuel batch on which the essential quality requirements for solid biofuel are focused

Note 1 to entry: The delivery lot can be an individual delivery lot, which is an agreed quantity of solid biofuel (e.g. a package, shipload or truck load), or continuous delivery, where several loads are delivered to the end-user during an agreed period of time (usually daily or weekly delivery).

Note 2 to entry: In continuous delivery, the delivery lot is the amount of solid biofuel delivered during a specified period of time, e.g. 24 h, unless otherwise agreed by supplier and end-user. If the delivery lot in continuous delivery is more than 1,500 to 2,000 m³ in 24 h, it is recommended that it should be divided into two or more individual

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.65

demolition wood

used wood arising from demolition of buildings or civil engineering installations

[SOURCE: EN 13965-1:2004]

4.66

densified biofuel

compressed biofuel

solid biofuel made by mechanically compressing biomass or thermally treated biomass to mould the solid biofuel into a specific size and shape such as cubes, pressed logs, biofuel pellets or biofuel briquettes

Note 1 to entry: See also biofuel briquette and biofuel pellet.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.67

density

ratio of mass to volume or ratio of energy content to volume

Note 1 to entry: It must always be stated whether the *density* refers to the *density* of individual *particles* or to the bulk density of the material and whether the mass of water in the material is included.

Note 2 to entry: See also bulk density, solid density, particle density and energy density

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.68

desorption

phenomenon whereby a substance is released from or through a surface

Note 1 to entry: The process is the opposite of sorption.

4.69

detonation

violent event generated by sudden expansion of gas in to a supersonic shock wave (molecular speed higher than the speed of sound) not followed by fire

[SOURCE: EN 13857-1:2003]

4.70

devolatilization

process (usually pyrolysis or gasification) whereby *volatile matter* is removed from carbon rich *feedstock* (e.g. biomass)

[SOURCE: ANSI/ASABE S593]

4.71

dry ash free

dry ash free basis

calculation basis in which the solid biofuel is considered free from moisture and inorganic matter

Note 1 to entry: The abbreviation of dry ash free is daf.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.72

dry

dry basis

calculation basis in which the solid biofuel is considered free from moisture

Note 1 to entry: See oven dry.

Note 2 to entry: The abbreviation of dry basis is d.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.73

material remaining after removal of moisture under specific conditions

4.74

dry matter content

portion of *dry matter* in the total material on mass basis

Note 1 to entry: Expressed as a percentage of the total mass of the solid biofuel.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.75

dust

fragmented material of small size caused by a non-voluntary process as opposed to powder which is normally manufactured to size

Note 1 to entry: There is no official definition of what constitutes dust in terms of physical size.

4.76

edgings

parts of woody biomass which occur when trimming sawn timber and which show a remainder of the original rounded surface of the tree, with or without bark

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.77

end-user

consumer (private person, enterprise, utility etc.) using *fuel* for energy purposes

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.78

energy crops

woody or herbaceous crops grown and harvested specifically for their *fuel* value

Note 1 to entry: See also energy forest trees, energy grass.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.79

energy density

ratio of net energy content and bulk volume

Note 1 to entry: The energy density is calculated using the net calorific value determined and the bulk density.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.80

energy forest trees

woody biomass grown specifically for its fuel value in medium to long rotation forestry

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.81

energy grain

grain used for energy purpose

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.82

energy grass

herbaceous energy crop

EXAMPLE Sugar cane, Miscanthus, Reed canary grass.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.83

explosibility

propensity by gaseous, liquid or solid material to ignite and violently transform to high pressure gas while emitting sound and light and normally followed by fire

4.84

explosion (primary and secondary)

violent event emitting sound and light immediately followed by fire

Note 1 to entry: An initial explosion followed by fire may dislodge dust deposited on beams, floor, machinery etc. and ignite this material resulting in a secondary explosion, usually a few seconds after the first explosion.

Note 2 to entry: Thermal energy is transferred from the first to the second explosion through deflagration.

[SOURCE: EN 16256-1:2012]

4.85

extraneous ash

ash from contaminants entering the material at harvest, logging, treatment, transport, storage etc

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.86

extraneous substances

foreign materials entering the *biomass* or *solid biofuel* during any stages of the overall *supply chain*

EXAMPLE *Particles* not belonging to the particular *biomass* such as stone, glass or corn in wood pellets.

4.87

feedstock

material that is further processed for *conversion* to bioenergy, *biofuel* and/or *biobased products*

4.88

fibre saturation point

FSP

the *moisture content* at which only the cell walls are completely saturated (all bound water) but no free water exists in the cell lumens – typically about 30 % *total moisture (on wet basis)*

Note 1 to entry: Below the fibre saturation point the physical and mechanical properties of wood begin to change as a function of *moisture content*.

4.89

fibre sludge

sludge formed in the sedimentation basin as a part of the waste water treatment process in a pulp and paper mill and separated by sedimentation or flotation

Note 1 to entry: The main component is pieces of wood fibres. The sludge can be dewatered and further processed into a *solid biofuel*.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.90

fines

F

Small sized particles in fuel below a certain pre-defined size, usually less than 3.15 mm

Note 1 to entry: The amount of fines can be different after completion of production, bagging, transportation, unloading, distribution etc.

4.91

firewood

cut, and split *fuelwood* usually with a length of 20 to 100 cm used in household appliances like stoves, fireplaces and central heating devices

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.92

fixed carbon

remaining carbon after removal of water, ash an volatile matter

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992]

4.93

flash point

propensity by vapour of a material to ignite under atmospheric conditions in the presence of a thermal source at a temperature and as determined by testing method

Note 1 to entry: A lower flash point temperature indicates higher flammability.

4.94

flammability

propensity by gaseous, liquid or solid material to catch fire upon exposure to ignitable external source

Note 1 to entry: For solids like dust from biomass the flammability is determined by testing method establishing the speed of burning in mm per time unit.

4.95

flowability

ability of a solid to flow

Note 1 to entry: See also bridging or arching.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.96

foreign material

impurity

material other than claimed, which has entered the fuel

Note 1 to entry: Examples of impurities for biofuels are stones, soil, pieces of metal, plastics, rope, ice and snow.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.97

forest chips

forest wood in the form of wood chips

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.98

forest fuels

fuelwood

forest fuel is produced directly from forest wood or plantation wood by a mechanical process, the raw material has not previously had another use

forest wood

plantation and other virgin wood

wood from forest, plantation and other virgin wood including segregated wood from gardens, parks, roadside maintenance, vineyards, fruit orchards and driftwood from freshwater

Note 1 to entry: See also *complete tree, energy forest trees, logging residues, stump, thinning residues, tree section, whole trees,* drift wood from fresh water.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.100

fruit biomass

part of a plant which holds seeds

EXAMPLE Nuts, olives, oil palm fruit.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.101

fuel

energy carrier intended for energy conversion

Note 1 to entry: Fuels are solid, liquid or gaseous.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.102

fuel classification

division of fuels into defined fuel classes

Note 1 to entry: The aim of classification can be to describe the *fuel* and/or to physically separate certain *particle* types.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.103

fuel dust

pulverised fuel with a typical particle size of 1 to 5 mm

EXAMPLE Saw dust.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.104

fuel powder

fuel flour

pulverised fuel with a typical particle size less than 1 mm

EXAMPLE Wood powder, wood flour, straw powder.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.105

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fuel specification

description of *fuel* properties

4.106

fuelwood

energy wood

wood fuel where the original composition of the wood is preserved, unaltered from original form

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.107

general analysis sample

sub-sample of a laboratory sample having a nominal top size of 1 mm or less and used for a number of chemical and physical analyses

[SOURCE: EN 14780:2011]

4.108

green biomass

material with a moisture content close to fresh after cutting but no further quality specified

4.109

fresh chips

green chips

Wood chips produced from recently harvested woody biomass

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.110

grinding dust

dust-like wood residue formed in grinding timber and wood boards

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.111

gross calorific value

measured value of specific energy of combustion of a solid *fuel* burned in oxygen in a calorimetric bomb under such conditions that all the water of the reaction products is in the form of liquid water

Note 1 to entry: The result of combustion are assumed to consist of gaseous, oxygen, nitrogen, carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide, of liquid water (in equilibrium with its vapor) saturated with carbon dioxide under conditions of the bomb reaction, and of solid *ash*, all at the reference temperature and at constant *volume*.

Note 2 to entry: Another term is higher heating value.

[SOURCE: EN 14918:2009]

4.112

gross density

ratio of the mass of a wooden body and its volume, including all cavities (pores and vessels), based on specific total moisture

Note 1 to entry: See also particle density

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.113

heat rate

measure of the number of heating units required to generate output energy over a length of time expressed in MWh

Note 1 to entry: MWh is used to express thermal efficiency of thermal conversion facilities such as power plants.

herbaceous biomass

biomass from plants that has a non-woody stem and which dies back at the end of the growing season

Note 1 to entry: See also energy grass.

[SOURCE: BioTech's Life Science Dictionary]

4.115

herbaceous fuels

all types of biofuels originating from herbaceous biomass

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.116

higher heating value

see gross calorific value

4.117

hog fuel

shred

fuelwood that has pieces of varying size and shape, produced by crushing with blunt tools such as rollers, hammers, or flails

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.118

hygroscopic

material with propensity to adsorb or absorb *moisture* from the air

4.119

hydrophilic

material with propensity to attract water

4.120

hydrophobic

material with propensity to repel water

4.121

hydrothermal carbonised biomass

solid biofuel produced by hydrothermal carbonisation of biomass

Note 1 to entry: Hydrothermal carbonisation is a thermo-chemical conversion process of biomass performed in pressurized hot (liquid) water, typically at temperatures between 160 $^{\circ}$ C to 250 $^{\circ}$ C and at pressures between 6 bar to 40 bar.

4.122

increment

portion of *fuel* extracted in a single operation of the *sampling* device

[SOURCE: EN 14780:2011]

4.123

inorganic matter

non-combustible fraction of a fuel

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.124

laboratory sample

combined sample or a sub-sample of a combined sample for use in a laboratory

4.125

lignocellulose

plant cell wall biomass composed primarily of cellulose, hemicelluloses and lignin

[SOURCE: ANSI/ASABE S593]

4.126

log wood

cut fuelwood in which most of the material has a length of 500 mm and above

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.127

logging residues

woody biomass residues created during wood harvesting

Note 1 to entry: Logging residues include branches and tree tops that can be salvaged when fresh or after seasoning.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.128

lot

defined quantity of *fuel* for which the *quality* is to be determined

Note 1 to entry: See also sub-lot.

[SOURCE: EN 14780:2011]

4.129

major elements

the elements in the *fuel* that predominantly will constitute the *ash*; including aluminium (Al), calcium (Ca), iron (Fe), magnesium (Mg), phosphorus (P), potassium (K), silicon (Si), sodium (Na) and titanium (Ti)

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.130

mass-reduction

reduction of the mass of a *sample* or *sub-sample*

[SOURCE: EN 14778:2011]

4.131

mechanical durability

ability of densified fuel units (e.g. briquettes, pellets) to remain intact during handling and transportation

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.132

minor elements

elements in the *fuel* that are at small concentrations

Note 1 to entry: The term trace elements is often used synonymous to *minor elements*; if the elements are metal, the term trace metals also is used.

Note 2 to entry: Concerning *solid biofuels*, minor elements include, but not limited to elements (not all are metals) such as arsenic (As), cadmium (Cd), cobalt (Co), chromium (Cr), copper (Cu), mercury (Hg), manganese (Mn), molybdenum (Mo), nickel (Ni), lead (Pb), antimony (Sb), selenium (Se), tin (Sn), thallium (TI), vanadium (V) and zinc (Zn).

moisture analysis sample

sample taken specifically for the purpose of determining total moisture

[SOURCE: EN 14780:2011]

4.134

municipal solid waste

MSW

waste stream consisting of end-of-life-materials

Note 1 to entry: Municipal solid waste can contain biomass fractions as well as non-biomass fractions.

Note 2 to entry: Only separated and not contaminated *biomass* fractions could be *solid biofuels*, see also *solid recovered fuels*.

Note 3 to entry: The term is included for information only.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.135

natural ash

ash of uncontaminated solid biofuel

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.136

net calorific value lower heating value

 $q_{\rm p, net}$

calculated value of specific energy of combustion of a solid fuel burned in oxygen under such conditions that all the water of the reaction products remain as water vapour

Note 1 to entry: The net calorific value is calculated from the *gross calorific value* at either constant pressure or at constant volume. The net calorific value at constant pressure is however the one generally used.

[SOURCE: EN 14918:2009]

4.137

nominal top size

aperture size of the sieve through which at least 95 % by mass of the material passes during the determination of *particle size distribution* of solid *fuels*

[SOURCE: EN 14780:2011]

4.138

non-woody biomass

biofuel made from herbaceous, fruits or aquatic biomass as well from blended or mixture

Note 1 to entry: Stem of fruit trees and *energy crops* like poplar and willow are included in *woody biomass*.

4.139

non-woody briquette

densified biofuel made with or without additives in form of cubiform, prismatic or cylindrical unit with diameter of more than 25 mm produced by compressing milled biomass

Note 1 to entry: The raw material for non-woody briquettes can be herbaceous, fruit or aquatic biomass or biomass blends and mixtures.

Note 2 to entry: Briquettes are usually manufactured in a piston press, with the total moisture content on wet basis usually being less than 15% of the mass.

[SOURCE: ISO 14588:2010]

4.140

non-woody pellet

biofuel made from herbaceous, fruits or aquatic biomass as well from blends and mixtures with or without additives in the form of cubiform, polyhedral, polyhydric or cylindrical units, random length and typically 3.15 mm to 40 mm, a diameter up to 25 mm and with broken ends

Note 1 to entry: The raw material for non-woody pellets is herbaceous, fruits or aquatic biomass in accordance with Table 1 of ISO 17225-1. Pellets are usually manufactured in a die, with a total moisture content usually less than 15 % of their mass on wet basis.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.141

off-gassing

spontaneous emission of condensable (e.g. terpenes) and non-condensable gases (e.g. carbon-monoxide, carbon-dioxide, methane) from biomass

4.142

operator

body or enterprise, which is responsible for one or several activities in the *fuel supply chain*

Note 1 to entry: The *operator* can be, for example, a *biofuel producer* or a subcontractor to the *biofuel supplier*.

Note 2 to entry: The first *operator* is a body or an enterprise which operates at the beginning of the *supply chain*.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.143

organic matter

combustible fraction of the fuel

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.144

oscillating screen classifier

device containing one or multiple oscillating (flat) screens used to separate material into size classes for calculation of particle size distribution

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.145

oven dry matter

biomass free of moisture, produced by drying to constant weight under specific conditions

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.146

over size particles

particles exceeding a specific particle size limit value or values

Note 1 to entry: Limit values may be given in three dimensions.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.147

particle

any discrete unit of matter

particle density

DE

density of a single particle

Note 1 to entry: Pores within the *particle* are included.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.149

particle size

P

size of the particle as determined

Note 1 to entry: Different methods of determination may give different results.

Note 2 to entry: See also particle size distribution and fines.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.150

particle size distribution

proportions of various particle sizes in a solid fuel

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992]

4.151

particle size reduction

reduction of the nominal top size of a sample or sub-sample

[SOURCE: EN 15443:2011]

4.152

peat

sedentarily accumulated material consisting partly of dead organic material

Note 1 to entry: The term is included for information only.

[SOURCE: Parish, F., Sirin, A., Charman, D., Joosten, H., minayeva, T., Silvius, M. and Stringer, L. 2008 Assessment on Peatlands, Biodiversity and Climate Change: Main Report. Global Environment Centre, Kuala Lumpur and Wetlands International, Wageningen]

4.153

permeability in storage

bulk permeability

ability of gas such as air to pass through the void in biomass during storage

Note 1 to entry: Permeability is measured in pressure (Pa) vs. flow of gas (m³/s/m²) and depends for example on the viscosity and *density* of the gas (including *moisture content* and temperature), shape, and orientation of *particles* and the bulk porosity of *biomass*.

4.154

point of delivery

location specified in the delivery agreement, at which the proprietary rights of and responsibilities for a *fuel lot* are transferred from one organization or unit to another

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.155

pressing aid

additive used for enhancing the production of densified fuels

4.156

primary biomass

biomass produced directly by photosynthesis and harvested or collected from the field or forest where

Note 1 to entry: Examples are energy grain, perennial grasses and wood crops, crop residues and residues from logging.

[SOURCE: ANSI/ASABE S593]

4.157

producer

organization or unit responsible for the production of the fuel

Note 1 to entry: The producer can be responsible for any operation with the purpose of changing the biofuel properties.

Note 2 to entry: The *producer* can also be the *supplier* of the fuel.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.158

product declaration

document dated and signed by the producer/supplier to the retailer or end-user, specifying origin and source, traded form and properties of defined *lot*, delivery period or delivery agreement

4.159

proximate analysis

quantitative analysis of a solid *fuel* reported in terms of prescribed methods for *total moisture*, *volatile* matter, ash content and fixed carbon measured at specified conditions

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992]

4.160

pulverised fuel

grinded fuel

solid *fuel* in the form of dust and powder, produced by milling or grinding

Note 1 to entry: See also fuel dust and fuel powder.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.161

quality

degree to which a set of inherent characteristics fulfils requirements

[SOURCE: ISO 9000:2005]

4.162

quality assurance

part of quality management, focused on providing confidence that the quality requirements will be fulfilled

[SOURCE: ISO 9000:2005]

4.163

quality control

part of quality management, focused on fulfilling quality requirements

[SOURCE: ISO 9000:2005]

recovered construction wood

used wood arising from construction of buildings or from civil engineering works

[SOURCE: EN 13965-1:2004]

4.165

reference material

RM

material or substance, one or more of whose property values are sufficiently homogeneous and well established to be used for the calibration of an apparatus, the assessment of a measurement method, or for assigning values to materials

[SOURCE: EN 15297:2011]

4.166

repeatability

precision from independent test results when the same method was used in the same laboratory on representative portions taken from the same test sample material

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.167

reproducibility

precision from test results when the same method was used by different laboratories by different *operators* using different equipment on representative portions taken from the same test sample material

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992]

4.168

retailer

supplier of fuels (usually packaged in small quantities) to end-user

Note 1 to entry: Retailers are usually *suppliers* to the private household consumers.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.169

rotary screen

device with cylindrical screens used to separate material into size classes for calculation of *particle size* distribution

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.170

sample

quantity of material (all *increments*), representative of a larger quantity for which the *quality* is to be determined

Note 1 to entry: See also combined sample, general analysis sample, increment, laboratory sample, moisture analysis sample, size analysis sample, and sub-sample.

[SOURCE: EN 14780:2011]

4.171

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sample division

division of a *sample* or *sub-sample* to an appropriate size which normally leads to a mass reduction of a *sample* or *sub-sample*

[SOURCE: EN 14780:2011]

4.172

sample preparation

actions taken to obtain representative laboratory samples or test portions from the original sample

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.173

sampling

process of drawing or constituting a sample

[SOURCE: ISO 3534-1:2006]

4.174

sampling form

document that shall be used during *sampling* to record data about the way in which the *sampling* is actually being carried out

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.175

sampling plan

predetermined procedure for the selection, withdrawal, preservation, transportation, and preparation of the portions to be removed from a population as a *sample*

[SOURCE: EN 14778:2011]

4.176

sampling certificate

report which serves as a check list and provides the investigator with all necessary information about the sampling techniques applied at the site and any additional important information

[SOURCE: EN 14778:2011]

4.177

sawdust

fine particles created when sawing wood, in which most of the material has a typical particle length of 1 mm to 5 mm

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.178

secondary biomass

residues and by-product streams from food, feed, fiber, wood and materials processing plants (such as sawdust, black liquor and cheese whey), and manures from animal feeding operations

[SOURCE: ANSI/ASABE S593]

4.179

short rotation coppice

production of woody biomass, generally on agricultural lands, by regenerating new stems (shoots) from the (stool) stump or roots and relying on rapid growth, (harvested) generally over a 1 – 8 year cycle

short rotation forestry

production of trees (generally) on forest land, that rely on rapid growth of individuals harvested in short cycles (of 5-15 years)

shredded biofuel

solid biofuel which has been mechanical treated into smaller particles with blunt tools

EXAMPLE Chopped straw, shredded bark, wood and hog fuel.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.182

size analysis sample

sample taken specifically for the purpose of determining particle size distribution

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.183

size-reduction

reduction of the nominal top size of a sample or sub-sample

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.184

slab

parts of *woody biomass* created when cuts are made into the edges of logs and whereby one side shows the original rounded surface of the tree, either completely or partially, with or without bark

Note 1 to entry: Approximate length 200 cm to 800 cm.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.185

slag

biofuel derived ash that is or has been in a molten (or liquid) state

[SOURCE: ANSI/ASABE S593]

4.186

smallwood

fuelwood cut with sharp cutting devices and in which most of the material has a *particle* length typically 50 mm to 500 mm

EXAMPLE Chunkwood, firewood.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.187

solid biofuel

solid *fuels* produced directly or indirectly from *biomass*

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.188

solid density

density of solid material excluding any interior pores

4.189

solid recovered fuel

solid *fuel* prepared from non-hazardous waste to be utilised for energy recovery in incineration or coincineration plants

Note 1 to entry: This term is for information only.

[SOURCE: EN 15359:2011]

4.190

solid volume

volume of the individual particle excluding the volume of the void between the particles

Note 1 to entry: Typically determined by a fluid displaced by a specific amount of material.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.191

soot

fine black particles, chiefly composed of carbon, produced by incomplete combustion of carbon rich feedstock

[SOURCE: ANSI/ASABE S593]

4.192

sorption

phenomenon whereby a substance is absorbed or adsorbed through a surface or adsorbed on a surface

Note 1 to entry: Sorption also applies to desorption processes.

4.193

stacked volume

volume of stacked material including the space between the material pieces

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.194

stem wood

roundwood

part of tree stem with the branches and top removed, with a length of more than 100 cm

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.195

stem wood chips

wood chips made of stem wood, with or without bark

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.196

stump

part of the tree stem below the felling cut

Note 1 to entry: In total-tree utilization the root system is included in the stump.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.197

sub-lot

portion of a lot for which a test result is required

[SOURCE: EN 14780:2011]

4.198

sub-sample

portion of a sample

supplier

organization or person that provides a product

Note 1 to entry: One supplier may deliver to the *end-user* directly and take responsibility for *fuel* deliveries from several *producers* as well as delivery to the end-user.

[SOURCE: ISO 9000:2005]

4.200

supply chain

the overall process of handling, transporting and processing raw materials from the point of collection to the *point of delivery* to the *end-user*

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.201

tertiary biomass

post consumer *residues* and wastes, such as fats, greases, oils, construction and *demolition wood* debris, other waste wood from urban environments, as well as packaging wastes, municipal solid wastes and landfill gases

Note 1 to entry: The term is for information only.

[SOURCE: ANSI/ASABE S593]

4.202

test portion

sub-sample either of a laboratory sample or a test sample

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.203

test sample

laboratory sample after an appropriate preparation made by the laboratory

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.204

thermally treated biomass

biomass whose chemical composition has been changed by heat (usually by temperatures of 200 to 300°C and above)

EXAMPLE torrefied biomass, charcoal

Note 1 to entry: Drying is not considered thermal treatment in this definition.

4.205

thinning residues

woody biomass residues originating from thinning operations

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.206

torrefied biomass

solid biofuel produced by torrefaction of biomass

Note 1 to entry: Torrefaction is a mild pyrolysis process performed at temperatures between $200 - 300^{\circ}\text{C}$ in inert atmosphere. For example under those conditions, *biomass* is altered to an intermediate between wood and *charcoal*

Note 2 to entry: Torrefied biomass contains typically 60 - 70 % of the initial mass and 90 % of the initial net calorific value

4.207

total carbon

carbon content

content of carbon (C) within moisture free fuel (dry)

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992]

4.208

total chlorine

chlorine content

content of chlorine (Cl) within *moisture* free *fuel (dry)*

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.209

total hydrogen

hydrogen content

content of hydrogen (H) within *moisture* free *fuel (dry)*

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992]

4.210

total mass

mass of all components of the solid *fuel*, including *dry matter* and *moisture*

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.211

moisture

moisture content

total moisture

M, U

water in the fuel removable under specific conditions

Note 1 to entry: Indicate reference (total mass / wet basis or dry matter / dry basis) to avoid confusion.

[SOURCE: ISO 18134]

4.212

total nitrogen

nitrogen content

content of nitrogen (N) within moisture free fuel (dry)

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992]

4.213

total oxygen

oxygen content

content of oxygen (0) within moisture free fuel (dry)

Note 1 to entry: For solid biofuels the amount of total oxygen is generally calculated as the remaining portion in the dry fuel from the sum of the total ash, the total carbon, the total hydrogen, the total nitrogen, the total sulfur and the total chlorine in the dry fuel.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.214

total sulphur

sulphur content

content of sulphur (S) within *moisture* free *fuel (dry)*

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992]

tree section

part of a tree (with branches) which has been cut into suitable length but not processed

Note 1 to entry: *Tree sections* can be processed for example to pulpwood or forest *fuel*.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.216

ultimate analysis

elementary analysis

elemental analysis

analysis of a *fuel* reported in terms of its *total carbon, total hydrogen, total nitrogen,* and *total sulphur* measured at specified conditions and *total oxygen* calculated by formula

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992]

4.217

used wood

wood substances or objects which have performed their intended purpose

Note 1 to entry: See also recovered construction wood and demolition wood.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.218

volatile matter

VM

mass loss, corrected for moisture, when a fuel is heated in the absence of air under specific conditions

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:1992]

4.219

volume

amount of space that is enclosed within an object

Note 1 to entry: It must always be stated whether the *volume* refers to the *solid volume* of individual *particles*, the *bulk volume*, or the *stacked volume* of the material and whether the mass of *moisture* in the material is included.

Note 2 to entry: See also bulk volume, solid volume, and stacked volume.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.220

water soluble content

amount of an element which can be extracted with water using a specified extraction procedure

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.221

wet basis

condition in which the solid fuel contains moisture

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.222

wettability

ability of a liquid to maintain contact with a solid surface, resulting from intermolecular interactions when the two are brought together

Note 1 to entry: The degree of wetting (wettability) is determined by a force balance between adhesive and cohesive forces.

4.223

whole tree

felled, undelimbed tree, excluding root system

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.224

whole-tree chips

wood chips made from whole trees

EXAMPLE Wood chips containing stems with bark, branches, needles/leaves.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.225

wood briquette

biofuel made with or without additives in the form of cubiform or cylindrical units and a diameter of over 25 mm produced by compressing pulverised woody biomass

Note 1 to entry: The raw material for wood briquettes is woody biomass in accordance with Table 1 of ISO 17225-1[16].

Note 2 to entry: Biofuel briquettes are usually manufactured in a piston press, with the total moisture content usually being less than 15 % of the mass.

[SOURCE: ISO 14588:2010]

4.226

wood chips

chipped woody biomass in the form of pieces with a defined particle size produced by mechanical treatment with sharp tools such as knives

Note 1 to entry: Wood chips have a subrectangular shape with a typical length 5 to 50 mm and a low thickness compared to other dimensions.

Note 2 to entry: See also cutter chips, forest chips, green chips, stem wood chips, and whole-tree chips.

[SOURCE: ISO 14588:2010]

4.227

wood fuels

wood based fuels

wood-derived biofuels

all types of biofuels originating from woody biomass

[SOURCE: FAO unified bioenergy terminology (UBET)]

4.228

wood pellet

biofuel made from woody biomass with or without additives in the form of cubiform, polyhedral, polyhydric or cylindrical units, random length and typically 3.15 mm to 40 mm, a diameter up to 25 mm and with broken ends

Note 1 to entry: The raw material for wood pellets is woody biomass in accordance with Table 1 of ISO 17225-1. Pellets are usually manufactured in a die, with total moisture content usually less than 10 % of their mass wet basis.

Note 2 to entry: The woody biomass used as feedstock for pellet making is milled to size in accordance with customer specification. Determination of the particle size distribution of the constituent of pellets is done by ISO 17830.

[SOURCE: ISO 14588:2010]

wood processing industry by-products wood processing industry residues

woody biomass by-products (or residues) obtained from wood processing and from the pulp and paper industry

Note 1 to entry: See also *bark*, cork *residues*, cross-cut ends, edgings, fibre sludge, grinding dust, *saw dust*, *slabs*, and *wood shavings*.

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.230

wood shavings cutter shavings

shavings from woody biomass created when planing wood

[SOURCE: EN 14588:2010]

4.231

woody biomass

biomass originating from trees, bushes and shrubs

Note 1 to entry: This definition includes forest, plantation and other virgin wood, wood processing industry byproducts and residues, and used wood.

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