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European foreword

This document (EN 12641-2:2019) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 119 “Intermodal Loading Units and Cargo Securing (ILUCS)”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by June 2020, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by June 2020.

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This document supersedes EN 12641-2:2006.

The main technical changes in comparison to the previous edition are:

- the addition of clause 3 ‘Terms and definitions’;
- the elimination of the discord between text and formula in the old clause 3.3, now clause 4.3;
- the wire hook has been added;
- the description of the testing methods has been adjusted to the reality and the mass per unit area of the tarpaulin material (g/m^2) was added on the marking.

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1 Scope

This document specifies minimum requirements for the strength and attachment of tarpaulins used as curtainsiders on intermodal loading units and commercial vehicles.

NOTE The described tarpaulins according to this document only work for load securing with a body according to EN12642, Code XL or EN 283.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 1875-3, *Rubber- or plastics- coated fabrics - Determination of tear strength - Part 3: Trapezoidal method*

EN ISO 1421, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics - Determination of tensile strength and elongation at break (ISO 1421)*

EN ISO 2286-2, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics - Determination of roll characteristics - Part 2: Methods for determination of total mass per unit area, mass per unit area of coating and mass per unit area of substrate (ISO 2286-2)*

EN ISO 2411, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics - Determination of coating adhesion (ISO 2411)*

EN ISO 7854, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics - Determination of resistance to damage by flexing (ISO 7854)*

ISO 3795, *Road vehicles, and tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry - Determination of burning behaviour of interior materials*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1 intermodal loading unit ILU

transport unit which may be a container, swap body, semi-trailer or road-trailer and commercial vehicles suitable for inter-modal transport

Note 1 to entry: see ISO/IWA 16.

3.2 side curtain

tarpaulin fixed on one or both sides of swap body or commercial vehicle