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European foreword

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Significant technical changes between this document and EN 16709:2015+A1:2018 are:

- update to the normative references towards undated versions where they don't concern requirements originating from European Directives (in line with decisions by CEN/TC 19 in coordination with the European Commission), and updating the effective publication dates were required;
- inclusion of the amended EN 14214 FAME specification;
- deletion of the Fuel Ignition Tester (EN 16144) as an alternative test method for cetane number determination due to its absence of use in the market. Whereas the ICN technique (EN 17155) has now been included as alternative methods for cetane number determination;
- addition of micro-distillation (EN 17306) as an alternative test method to distillation by EN ISO 3405 and EN ISO 3924;
- addition of automated method (EN ISO 22995) as an alternative test method to cloud point by EN ISO 3015;
- addition of the Stabinger viscometer (EN ISO 23581) as an alternative test method to viscosity by EN ISO 3104;
- addition of oxidation stability by rapid small scale oxidation method (EN 16091) as an alternative test method to oxidation stability by EN 15751;
- updating of the clause on pump marking to harmonize it with other CEN/TC 19 specification standards;
- update to the “workmanship clause” in 7.5.2 to address the issue of abrasive wear of fuel injection equipment by hard particles in diesel fuel;
- clarification of the dispute requirement concerning sulfur content in 7.7.3;
- deletion of the allowance for cetane number alternative methods in 7.7.4;
- addition of 7.7.9 to address situations in which the test method includes a bias-correction to the dispute method;

- deletion of the A-deviation for Belgium and inclusion of an A-deviation for Germany, following changes of respective national legislations.

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Introduction

This document specifies two fuel grades in the range of [14, 20] % (V/V) and [24, 30] % (V/V) of fatty acid methyl ester (FAME) in diesel fuel to be used in captive fleet application for designated vehicles¹, as it is not suitable for all vehicles.

Requirements following amendments 2003/17/EC [2], 2009/30/EC [3], 2011/63/EU [4], 2014/77/EU [12], directive (EU) 2015/1513 [17], regulation (EU) 2018/1999 [18] and directive (EU) 2023/2413 [19] to the European Fuels Quality Directive 98/70/EC [1], are taken into account. Dates are included for normative test method references in order to comply with the requirements of the European Commission; with the accompanying assurance by CEN/TC 19 that any referenced updated versions will always give at least the same accuracy and at least the same level of precision (see [4]).

The marking at the pump of this product is in line with the requirements of the Fuels Quality Directive and the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive [11].

Information on the development of this fuel specification can be found in CEN/TR 16557 [5].

¹ In the sense that they are compatible with the product.

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for marketed and delivered high FAME (B20 and B30) diesel fuel for use in diesel engine vehicles designed or subsequently adapted to run on such fuel. High FAME diesel fuel is a mixture of up to 20 % (V/V) in total and up to 30 % (V/V) in total respectively fatty acid methyl esters (commonly known as FAME) complying with EN 14214 and automotive diesel fuel complying with EN 590.

For maintenance and control reasons high FAME (B20 and B30) diesel fuel is to be used in captive fleets that are intended to have an appropriate fuel management (see Clause 4).

NOTE 1 These products are allowed in Europe [4], but national legislation can set additional requirements or rules concerning, or even prohibiting, marketing or delivering of the product.

NOTE 2 For the purposes of this document, the terms “% (m/m)” and “% (V/V)” are used to represent respectively the mass fraction and the volume fraction.

NOTE 3 In this document, A-deviations apply (see Annex A).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in 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 116, *Diesel and domestic heating fuels — Determination of cold filter plugging point — Stepwise cooling bath method*

EN 12662-1, *Liquid petroleum products — Determination of total contamination — Part 1: Middle distillates and diesel fuels*

EN 12916:2024, *Petroleum products — Determination of aromatic hydrocarbon types in middle distillates — High performance liquid chromatography method with refractive index detection*

EN 14078:2014, *Liquid petroleum products — Determination of fatty acid methyl ester (FAME) content in middle distillates — Infrared spectrometry method*

EN 14214:2012+A2:2019², *Liquid petroleum products — Fatty acid methyl esters (FAME) for use in diesel engines and heating applications — Requirements and test methods*

EN 15195:2023, *Liquid petroleum products — Determination of ignition delay and derived cetane number (DCN) of middle distillate fuels by combustion in a constant volume chamber*

EN 15751, *Automotive fuels — Fatty acid methyl ester (FAME) fuel and blends with diesel fuel — Determination of oxidation stability by accelerated oxidation method*

EN 16091, *Liquid petroleum products — Middle distillates and fatty acid methyl ester (FAME) fuels and blends — Determination of oxidation stability by rapid small scale oxidation test (RSSOT)*

EN 16329, *Diesel and domestic heating fuels — Determination of cold filter plugging point — Linear cooling bath method*

² Currently under revision.