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## European foreword

This document (EN 16450:2017) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 264 "Air quality", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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## 1 Scope

In order to be in compliance with EU Air Quality Directive requirements, the reference methods given in the Directive 2008/50/EC [1] for the measurement of mass concentrations of particulate matter are not commonly used for operation in routine monitoring networks. These networks usually apply automated continuous measurement systems (AMS), such as those based on the use of oscillating microbalances,  $\beta$ -ray attenuation, or *in situ* optical methods. Such AMS are typically capable of producing 24-h average measurement values over a measurement range up to 1 000  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  and 1-h average measurement values up to 10 000  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , if applicable, where the volume of air is the volume at ambient conditions near the inlet.

The 1-h average values may be used for:

- a) direct information of the public;
- b) aggregation to produce daily or yearly average concentration values for regulatory reporting purposes.

NOTE National regulatory reporting purposes could require other time basis for averages (i.e. monthly).

Directive 2008/50/EC allows the use of such systems after demonstration of equivalence with the reference method, i.e. after demonstration that these systems meet the Data Quality Objectives for continuous measurements. Guidelines for the demonstration of equivalence are given in Reference [2].

This European Standard lays down the minimum performance requirements and test procedures for the type testing of appropriate AMS for particulate matter. The standard includes the evaluation of its equivalence with the reference method as laid down in Directive 2008/50/EC.

Further, this European Standard describes minimum requirements for ongoing quality assurance – quality control (QA/QC) of AMS deployed in the field. These requirements are necessary to ensure that uncertainties of measured concentrations are kept within the required limits during extended periods of continuous monitoring in the field, and include procedures for maintenance, calibration and control checks.

Additional procedures are described that determine whether an instrument's equivalence to the reference method is maintained through possible pollution climate changes, over periods longer than five years.

Lastly, this European Standard describes harmonized requirements and procedures for the treatment and validation of raw measurement data that are used for the assembly of daily or yearly average concentration values. Experience with existing methods for data treatment and validation – for similar AMS – has shown that the different ways of data treatment and validation applied may lead to significant differences in reported results for similar data sets [3].

When the European Standard is used for purposes other than measurements required by Directive 2008/50/EC, the range and uncertainty requirements may not apply.

This European Standard contains information for different groups of users.

Clauses 5 and 6 and Annex A contain general information about the principles of automated continuous measurement systems for particulate matter, and relevant equipment.