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European foreword

This document (EN 14411:2016) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 67 "Ceramic tiles", the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by January 2017, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 2018.

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For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

The changes with respect to the previous edition include:

Errors (editorial):

- Skipping Annex I, because ceramic tiles that comply with the requirements of EN 14411, have to include specific marking on the boxes. One of the requirements of this marking is to indicate the reference to the standard and the annex it complies with. Previous editions of EN 14411 all skipped the reference to Annex I, and only the 2012 edition included it by error. This also affects the numbering of annexes which go after I (J, K, L,...) since these all shift one letter downwards. If this is not corrected, manufacturers will need to update the marking and change all the boxes. Furthermore, the letter of the annex has traditionally been connected with a specific group or type of ceramic tile, and the change will create confusion. In order to avoid all these unnecessary consequences, and increased costs, it is requested, like it has been done in the past with previous editions, to skip Annex I, and adapt the successive annexes accordingly.
- Renumbering of Annexes J to P (previous I to O)
- Annex C – dimensional tolerance limits for surface flatness were incorrect (see EN 14411:2006)
- Annex K – Eliminated note 'o' since it was duplicated (same as note 'n')
- Updated references to annexes throughout the text

Changes (technical):

- Exclusion of ceramic decorative pieces, trims and accessories (not included in mandate)
- Exclusion of meshed backed products (these are considered systems or kits, involving other non-ceramic materials, thus not covered by this standard)
- New Clause 6 on assessment and verification of the constancy of performance (previous evaluation of conformity clause) according to Doc. TF N 548 Rev 1 Guidance document.

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- Clause 8 on marking: addition of text for special consideration of marking on small size tiles
- Table 2, clause *B.10d*): elimination of 'mortar' in the bond strength characteristic (the reference to test standard EN 1015-12 is not appropriate since it is not used to determine the adhesion properties of ceramics but of renders and plastering mortars on substrates). Eliminated references throughout the text.
- New Annex ZA according to CPR (including Delegated Regulation EU 157/2014 relative to DoP on websites and Delegated Regulation EU 574/2014 relative to model of DoP).

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1 Scope

This European Standard defines terms and specifies characteristics for ceramic tiles, including mosaics (i.e. any piece that can fit into a square area of 49 cm²) produced by extrusion or dry-pressing techniques, used for internal and/or external floorings (including stairs) and/or walls. Furthermore, it provides the level of requirements for these characteristics and references to the test methods applied as well as provisions for the assessment and verification of the constancy of performance.

This European Standard is not applicable to:

- meshed backed products;
- ceramic decorative accessories or trims (such as edges, corners, skirting, capping, coves, beads, curved tiles and other accessory pieces);
- ceramic tiles made by processes other than extrusion or dry-pressing;
- dry-pressed unglazed ceramic tiles with water absorption greater than 10 %;
- ceramic tiles used for floorings on external road finishes;
- ceramic tiles used in ceiling finishes or suspended ceilings.

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.

EN 12004:2007+A1:2012, *Adhesives for tiles - Requirements, evaluation of conformity, classification and designation*

CEN/TS 15209, *Tactile paving surface indicators produced from concrete, clay and stone*

CEN/TS 16165, *Determination of slip resistance of pedestrian surfaces - Methods of evaluation*

EN ISO 10545-1, *Ceramic tiles - Part 1: Sampling and basis for acceptance (ISO 10545-1)*

EN ISO 10545-2, *Ceramic tiles - Part 2: Determination of dimensions and surface quality (ISO 10545-2)*

EN ISO 10545-3, *Ceramic tiles - Part 3: Determination of water absorption, apparent porosity, apparent relative density and bulk density (ISO 10545-3)*

EN ISO 10545-4, *Ceramic tiles - Part 4: Determination of modulus of rupture and breaking strength (ISO 10545-4)*

EN ISO 10545-5, *Ceramic tiles - Part 5: Determination of impact resistance by measurement of coefficient of restitution (ISO 10545-5)*

EN ISO 10545-6, *Ceramic tiles - Part 6: Determination of resistance to deep abrasion for unglazed tiles (ISO 10545-6)*

EN ISO 10545-7, *Ceramic tiles - Part 7: Determination of resistance to surface abrasion for glazed tiles (ISO 10545-7)*