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## National Foreword

This Singapore Standard was prepared by the Technical Committee on Building Structure and Sub-structure under the purview of the Building and Construction Standards Committee.

This standard (SS EN 12620) is a revision of SS 31:1998 and is identical to EN 12620:2002 'Aggregates for concrete' with the addition of guidelines (see Annex ZZA) on alternative testing scheme for factory production control of aggregates that are imported into Singapore from sources without a system of product quality control in accordance with EN 12620. It incorporates Amendment No. 1, May 2009. The start and finish of text introduced or altered by CEN Amendment 1 dated 2008-02-16 is indicated in the text by tags <sup>A1</sup> > < A1. The amendment introduces clauses for recycled aggregates. The clauses call up new test methods, prEN 933-11, EN 1744-5 and EN 1367-4.

In Singapore, most, if not all of the aggregates, are imported. For sources of supply coming from outside Singapore, it may be difficult to find sources where producers adopt production control in accordance with EN 12620. To ensure the quality of imported aggregates, an alternative testing scheme to be undertaken by importers of aggregates in place of factory production control is given in this standard. This has been prepared with inputs from the regulatory authority and local industry stakeholders. The guidelines in Annex ZZA (normative) are based on the principles and test methods used in EN 12620:2002, to ensure the imported aggregates conform to the relevant requirements of the standard.

Relevant EN test methods are listed in Clause 2. The temperature used in the test method specifications is only for conformity testing requirements and may not represent the temperature when the material is used in concrete.

It is recommended to read SS EN 12620 and the EN test methods together with PD 6682-1:2003 'Guidance on the use of BS EN 12620' and PD 6682-9:2003 'Guidance on the use of European test methods standards' both published by BSI.

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## Specification for aggregates for concrete

### 1 Scope

This Singapore Standard specifies the properties of aggregates and filler aggregates obtained by processing natural, manufactured or recycled materials and mixtures of these aggregates for use in concrete. It covers aggregates having an oven dried particle density greater than  $2.00 \text{ Mg/m}^3$  ( $2000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ) for all concrete, including concrete in conformity with EN 206-1 and concrete used in roads and other pavements and for use in precast concrete products. <sup>A1></sup> It also covers recycled aggregate with densities between  $1.50 \text{ Mg/m}^3$  ( $1500 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ) and  $2.00 \text{ Mg/m}^3$  ( $2000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ) with appropriate caveats and recycled fine aggregate (4 mm) with appropriate caveats. <sup><A1</sup>

It also specifies that a quality control system is in place for use in factory production control and it provides for the evaluation of conformity of the products to this Singapore Standard.

This standard does not cover filler aggregates to be used as a constituent in cement or as other than inert filler aggregates for concrete.

NOTE 1 – Aggregates used in construction should comply with all the requirements of this Singapore Standard. As well as familiar and traditional natural and manufactured aggregates Mandate M/125 "Aggregates" included recycled aggregates and some materials from new or unfamiliar sources. Recycled aggregates are included in the standards and new test methods for them are at an advanced stage of preparation. For unfamiliar materials from secondary sources, however, the work on standardisation has only started recently and more time is needed to define clearly the origins and characteristics of these materials. In the meantime such unfamiliar materials when placed on the market as aggregates must comply fully with this standard and national regulations for dangerous substances (see Annex ZA of the standard) depending upon their intended use. Additional characteristics and requirements may be specified on a case by case basis depending upon experience of use of the product, and defined in specific contractual documents.

NOTE 2 – Properties for lightweight aggregates are specified in <sup>A1></sup> BS EN 13055-1:2002 <sup><A1</sup>.

### 2 Normative references

This Singapore Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this Singapore Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

<sup>A1></sup> EN 196-2, *Methods of testing cement – Part 2 : Chemical analysis of cement.* <sup><A1</sup>

EN 932-3, *Tests for general properties of aggregates – Part 3 : Procedure and terminology for simplified petrographic description.*

EN 932-5, *Tests for general properties of aggregates – Part 5 : Common equipment and calibration.*

EN 933-1, *Tests for geometrical properties of aggregates – Part 1 : Determination of particle size distribution – Sieving method.*

EN 933-3, *Tests for geometrical properties of aggregates – Part 3 : Determination of particle shape – Flakiness index.*

EN 933-4, *Tests for geometrical properties of aggregates – Part 4 : Determination of particle shape – Shape index.*

EN 933-7, *Tests for geometrical properties of aggregates –Part 7 : Determination of shell content – Percentage of shells in coarse aggregates.*

EN 933-8, *Tests for geometrical properties of aggregates – Part 8 : Assessment of fines – Sand equivalent test.*

EN 933-9, *Tests for geometrical properties of aggregates – Part 9 : Assessment of fines – Methylene blue test.*

EN 933-10, *Tests for geometrical properties of aggregates – Part 10 : Assessment of fines – Grading of fillers (air jet sieving).*

<sup>A1></sup> prEN 933-11, *Tests for geometrical properties of aggregates – Part 11: Classification test for the constituents of coarse recycled aggregates* <sup><A1</sup>

EN 1097-1, *Tests for mechanical and physical properties of aggregates – Part 1 : Determination of the resistance to wear (micro-Deval).*

EN 1097-2:1998, *Tests for mechanical and physical properties of aggregates – Part 2 : Methods for the determination of resistance to fragmentation.*

EN 1097-3, *Tests for mechanical and physical properties of aggregates – Part 3 : Determination of loose bulk density and voids.*

EN 1097-6, *Tests for mechanical and physical properties of aggregates – Part 6 : Determination of particle density and water absorption.*

EN 1097-8:1999, *Tests for mechanical and physical properties of aggregates – Part 8 : Determination of the polished stone value.*

EN 1097-9, *Tests for mechanical and physical properties of aggregates – Part 9 : Determination of the resistance to wear by abrasion from studded tyres – Nordic test.*

<sup>A1></sup> EN 1367-1:2007, *Tests for thermal and weathering properties of aggregates – Part 1 : Determination of resistance to freezing and thawing.* <sup><A1</sup>

EN 1367-2, *Tests for thermal and weathering properties of aggregates – Part 2 : Magnesium sulfate test.*

EN 1367-4, *Tests for thermal and weathering properties of aggregates – Part 4 : Determination of drying shrinkage.*

EN 1744-1:1998, *Tests for chemical properties of aggregates – Part 1 : Chemical analysis.*

<sup>A1></sup> EN 1744-5, *Tests for chemical properties of aggregates – Part 5 : Determination of acid soluble chloride salts*

EN 1744-6, *Tests for chemical properties of aggregates – Part 6 : Determination of the influence of recycled aggregate extract on the initial setting time of cement* <sup><A1</sup>

ISO 565:1990, *Test sieves – Metal wire cloth, perforated metal plate and electroformed sheet – Nominal sizes of openings.*

ASTM C295, *Standard guide for petrographic examination of aggregates for concrete.*

ASTM C586, *Standard test method for potential alkali reactivity of carbonate rocks as concrete aggregates (Rock- cylinder method).*

ASTM C1105, *Standard test method for length change of concrete due to alkali-carbonate rock reaction.*

ASTM C1260, *Standard test method for potential alkali reactivity of aggregates (Mortar-bar method).*

ASTM C1293, *Standard test method for determination of length change of concrete due to alkali-silica reaction.*

BS 812-104:1994, *Testing aggregates – Part 104 : Method for qualitative and quantitative petrographic examination of aggregates.*

BS 812-123:1999, *Testing aggregates – Part 123 : Method for determination of alkali-silica reactivity – Concrete prism method.*

BS 7943:1999, *Guide to the interpretation of petrographical examinations for alkali-silica reactivity.*

SS 73:Part 17:1992, *Methods of sampling and testing of mineral aggregates, sand and fillers – Methods for determination of water-soluble chloride salts.*