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European foreword

This document (prEN 13763-15:2021) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 321 “Explosives for civil uses”, the secretariat of which is held by UNE.

This document is currently submitted to the CEN Enquiry.

This document will supersede EN 13763-15:2004.

In comparison with the previous edition, the following technical modifications have been made:

- a) Clause 1, *Scope*, has been updated:
 - 1) clarifying the types of detonators included: electric detonators, non-electric detonators and electronic detonators;
 - 2) it is now specified that this document applies to explosives for civil uses;
- b) in Clause 5, *Apparatus*, a profilometer has been added;
- c) Clause 6, *Procedure*, has been revised;
- d) Clause 8, *Expression of results*, has been added;
- e) Annex A, *Range of applicability of the test method*, has been removed;
- f) Annex ZA has been updated.

This document has been prepared under a Standardization Request (M/562) annexed to the Commission Implementing Decision C(2019)6634 final as regards Explosives for civil uses given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports Essential Safety requirements of Directive 2014/28/EU.

For relationship with Directive 2014/28/EU, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

EN 13763, *Explosives for civil uses — Detonators and detonating cord relays*, is currently composed with the following parts:

- *Part 1: Requirements*
- *Part 2: Verification of thermal stability*
- *Part 3: Determination of sensitiveness to impact*
- *Part 4: Determination of resistance to abrasion of leading wires and shock tubes*
- *Part 5: Determination of resistance to cutting damage of leading wires and shock tubes*
- *Part 6: Determination of resistance to cracking in low temperatures of leading wires*
- *Part 7: Determination of the mechanical strength of leading wires, shock tubes, connections, crimps and closures*

- *Part 8: Determination of resistance to vibration*
- *Part 9: Determination of resistance to bending of detonators*
- *Part 11: Determination of drop resistance of detonators and relays*
- *Part 12: Determination of resistance to hydrostatic pressure*
- *Part 13: Determination of resistance of electric detonator to electrostatic discharge*
- *Part 15: Determination of equivalent initiating capability*
- *Part 16: Determination of delay accuracy*
- *Part 17: Determination of no-fire current of electric detonators*
- *Part 18: Determination of series firing current of electric detonators*
- *Part 19: Determination of firing pulse of electric detonators*
- *Part 20: Determination of total resistance of electric detonators*
- *Part 21: Determination of flash-over voltage of electric detonators*
- *Part 22: Determination of capacitance, insulation resistance and insulation breakdown of leading wires*
- *Part 23: Determination of the shock-wave velocity of shock tube*
- *Part 24: Determination of the non-conductivity of shock tube*
- *Part 25: Determination of transfer capacity of relay and coupling accessories*
- *Part 26: Definitions, methods and requirements for devices and accessories for reliable and safe function of detonators and relays*
- *Part 27: Definitions, methods and requirements for electronic initiation system*

Introduction

General

When detonated, the explosive charge of detonators must provide enough initiating capability to initiate the explosive or a detonating cord/shock tube, with which they are intended to be used.

In the test procedure described in this document, the output performance of a test piece is compared with a reference of known characteristics and mass of charge. This document describes two tests: an underwater initiating capability test and a functioning test at low and high temperatures.

Underwater initiating capability

This test is based on the principle that the detonation of an explosive charge under water generates a spherical shock-wave and a volume of gas, which expands and then collapses as the bubble rises through the water. The shock-wave and the volume of gas bear a finite relationship to the energy released. Thus, by measuring:

- the shock-wave pressure; and
- the time interval between the shock-wave pressure peak and the first collapse of the gas bubble,

and calculating the parameters proportional to:

- equivalent shock energy; and
- equivalent bubble energy,

the energy output of the test detonators can be compared with the energy output of the reference detonator to which the manufacturer claims equivalence.

Functioning test at high and low temperatures

This test checks that the energy output of the detonators does not vary when they are initiated at high and low temperatures, by initiating detonators in contact with aluminium witness plates at ambient, high and low temperatures and comparing the depths of indentations made in the plates.