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— update on the requirements for finger entrapment reflecting CEN/TR 17202:2018 including an annex containing test methods;

— improved definition of safety glass;

— addition of a requirement for the durability of height adjustment mechanisms;

— addition of recommendations for table top deflection.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the safety, strength and durability of all types of non-domestic tables including those with glass in their construction.

It does not apply to office work tables or desks, tables for educational institutions, laboratory workbenches for educational institutions and outdoor tables for which EN standards exist.

It does not apply to laboratory workbenches for professional use and industrial workbenches.

It does not apply to tables where the table top is not fixed to the understructure, i.e. when applying test 6, Table 2, the top becomes detached from the understructure.

With exception of the stability tests, this document does not provide assessment of the suitability of any storage features included in non-domestic tables.

It does not include requirements for electrical safety.

It does not include requirements for the resistance to ageing, degradation.

This document has three annexes:

— Annex A (normative) Test methods for finger entrapment;

— Annex B (informative) Additional test requirements;

— Annex C (informative) Test severity in relation to application.

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 1730:2012, *Furniture — Tables — Test methods for the determination of stability, strength and durability*

EN 12150-1:2015+A1:2019, *Glass in building — Thermally toughened soda lime silicate safety glass — Part 1: Definition and description*

EN 12600:2002, *Glass in building — Pendulum test — Impact test method and classification for flat glass*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp/

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
accessible part
part to which access can easily be gained by the user when the table is in its intended configuration of use and for which the probability of unintentional user contact is high, including all parts 500 mm in from the edges users are likely to sit at and 200 mm from all other edges

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3.2
extension element
component that can be pulled out and pushed in

Note 1 to entry: Examples of extension elements include drawers, suspended pocket files and keyboard trays.

4 Test conditions

General test conditions shall be in accordance with EN 1730:2012, Clause 4.

The tests shall be carried out on the same sample, in the order in which they are listed in Table 2.

5 Safety, stability, strength and durability requirements

5.1 General requirements

The table shall be designed so as to minimize the risk of injury to the user.

All parts of the table with which the user comes into contact during intended use and~~,~~ when the table is positioned in its intended configuration of use shall be designed so that physical injury and damage are avoided.

This requirement is met when:

a) edges and corners of table tops which are directly in contact with the user are rounded or chamfered,

b) all other edges and corners accessible during intended use are free from burrs and/or sharp edge.

Movable and adjustable parts shall be designed so that injuries and inadvertent operation are avoided.

It shall not be possible for any load bearing part of the table to come loose unintentionally.

All parts which are lubricated to assist sliding shall be designed to protect users from lubricant stains when in normal use.

5.2 Holes in tubular/rigid component

There shall be no holes in the ends of tubular components or holes in rigid components in accessible parts between 8 mm and 18 mm, unless the depth of penetration is less than 10 mm. This requirement is fulfilled if there is no hazard present when tested in accordance with A.1, Finger entrapment.

5.3 Shear and compression points

5.3.1 General

The requirements contained within 5.3.2, 5.3.3 and 5.3.4 do not apply to electrically operated furniture.

NOTE The requirements for electrically operated furniture will be provided in EN 17684:— [1].

5.3.2 Shear and compression points when setting up and folding

Unless 5.3.3 or 5.3.4 are applicable, shear and compression points that are created only during setting up and folding are acceptable, because the user can be assumed to be in control of his/her movements and to be able to cease applying the force immediately upon experiencing pain.

The edges of parts moving relative to each other and creating shear and compression points shall be as specified in 5.1.

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