

Textile floor coverings — Requirements for tolerances on (linear) dimensions of rugs, runners, carpet tiles and wall-to-wall carpet and for tolerances on pattern repeat

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National foreword

This Draft for Development (DD) is the official English version of CEN/TS 14159:2004.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted to Technical Committee PRI/3, Textile floor coverings, which has the responsibility to:

- aid enquirers to understand the text;
- present to the responsible international/European committee any enquiries on the interpretation, or proposals for change, and keep the UK interests informed;
- monitor related international and European developments and promulgate them in the UK.

A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

Additional information

CEN/TS 14159 was produced as a result of European discussion in which the UK took an active part. In consequence the document was accepted as a CEN Technical Specification (CEN/TS) and the UK has implemented this as a DD CEN/TS, but with the following comment.

BSI Technical Committee PRI/3 agrees with the definitions and methods of measuring the relevant parameters covered by the standard, but does not agree with the tolerances applied to these parameters. Publication of this Draft for Development will, however, give the UK carpet industry and its clients the fundamental information on which to agree definitions of various dimensional characteristics and how to measure them. This information has previously been missing and hence differences of opinion have occurred.

During the development of this CEN/TS the UK voted against its approval as a CEN/TS at the final draft stage. The UK's provided comments were:

“Tolerances cannot be set for these parameters, as they will not be ‘absolute’. They will vary with regard to:

- a) construction products that are ostensibly the same, but have different pattern repeats that are acceptable within different tolerances;
- b) inherent variability both within and between batches of the same product;
- c) methods of installation, e.g., the same carpet being fitted over a gripper will be acceptable within different tolerances compared to carpet that is totally adhered;
- d) ability of installers, e.g., their experience in handling the type of carpet to be installed in relation to complexity of installation.”

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The BSI Technical Committee is of the opinion that it is quite possible that carpets that meet the given tolerances are unacceptable as a finished installation, and that carpets which do not meet the tolerances can be installed to give a perfectly acceptable end result.

Additionally, attention is drawn to the fact that the tolerances quoted on dimensions are different from those given in BS 3655:1981.

Cross-references

The British Standards which implement international or European publications referred to in this document may be found in the *BSI Catalogue* under the section entitled “International Standards Correspondence Index”, or by using the “Search” facility of the *BSI Electronic Catalogue* or of British Standards Online.

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It is being issued in the Draft for Development series of publications and is of a provisional nature because it is not a full European standard and under CEN rules member bodies have only to announce its availability. However, DD documents are an accepted means of announcing that a CEN/TS is available. It should be applied on this provisional basis, so that information and experience of its practical application may be obtained.

Comments arising from the use of this Draft for Development are requested so that UK experience can be reported to the European organization responsible for its conversion to a European standard. A review of this publication will be initiated 2 years after its publication by the European organization so that a decision can be taken on its status at the end of its 3-year life. Notification of the start of the review period will be made in an announcement in the appropriate issue of *Update Standards*.

According to the replies received by the end of the review period, the responsible BSI Committee will decide whether to support the conversion into a European standard, to extend the life of the Technical Specification or to withdraw it. Comments should be sent in writing to the Secretary of BSI Technical Committee PRI/3, Textile floor coverings, at British Standards House, 389 Chiswick High Road, London W4 4AL, giving the document reference and clause number and proposing, where possible, an appropriate revision of the text.

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Revêtements de sol textiles - Exigences concernant les tolérances sur les dimensions (linéaires) des tapis, passages, dalles de moquette et moquettes et les tolérances sur le raccord de dessin

Textile Bodenbeläge - Anforderungen an Toleranzen der (linearen) Maße von abgepassten Teppichen, Läufern, Teppichfliesen und Teppich-Auslegware und des Musterrapports

This Technical Specification (CEN/TS) was approved by CEN on 26 June 2004 for provisional application.

The period of validity of this CEN/TS is limited initially to three years. After two years the members of CEN will be requested to submit their comments, particularly on the question whether the CEN/TS can be converted into a European Standard.

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