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— deletion of former Clauses 5 and 6, and Annex D which were moved to ISO 17201-4;

— revision of former Clause 7 (now Clause 5) and Annex C;

— addition of a new Clause 6;

— editorial revision of the document.

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The initiative to prepare a standard on impulse noise from shooting ranges was taken by AFEMS, the Association of European Manufacturers of Sporting Ammunition, in April 1996, by the submission of a formal proposal to CEN. After consultation in CEN in 1998, CEN/TC 211, *Acoustics*, asked ISO/TC 43/SC 1, *Noise*, to prepare the ISO 17201 series.

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Introduction

There are two basic sources that dominate the shooting sound from firearms: the muzzle blast and the projectile sound. These two sources are basically different. The explosion blast from devices can be treated as muzzle blast. This document describes the calculation of muzzle blast. The calculation of projectile sound is described in ISO 17201-4.

The muzzle blast is caused by the expanding gases of the propellant at the muzzle. The muzzle blast can be modelled approximately based on a spherical volume of these gases at the moment when the expansion speed becomes subsonic.

In general, the procedures for estimating the muzzle blast rely on the estimation of energies that are involved in the related processes. The procedures give estimates for the fraction of these energies that transforms into acoustic energy. The results of the estimation are acoustical source data with respect to energy, direction and frequency content.

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Acoustics — Noise from shooting ranges —

Part 2: Calculation of muzzle blast

1 Scope

This document specifies a computational method (in line with ISO 17201-4) for estimating the acoustic source data of muzzle blast and explosions on the basis of non-acoustic data for firearms with calibres less than 20 mm and explosions less than 50 g TNT equivalent.

This document addresses those cases where no source measurements exist. This document can also be used as an interpolation method between measurements of muzzle blast.

Source data are given in terms of spectral angular source energy covering the frequency range from 12,5 Hz to 10 kHz and can be used as data input for sound propagation calculation.

This document does not apply to the prediction of sound levels for the assessment of hearing damage; nor can it be used to predict sound pressure levels or sound exposure levels at distances where linear acoustics do not apply.

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.

ISO 17201-1, *Acoustics — Noise from shooting ranges — Part 1: Determination of muzzle blast by measurement*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

3.1 General

3.1.1
air density
ρ
density of air for the estimation conditions

Note 1 to entry: The air density is expressed in kilograms per cubic metre (kg/m^3).

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