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## **Heat-treatable and alloy steels — Surface quality classes for hot-rolled round bars and wire rods — Technical delivery conditions**

*Aciers pour traitements thermiques et aciers alliés — Classes de qualité  
de surface des ronds et fils-machine laminés à chaud — Conditions  
techniques de livraison*



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## 1 Scope

**1.1** This International Standard specifies delivery conditions which apply to the surface quality on the basis of the characteristics given in clause 4, for bars and wire rods with round section ordered in the hot-rolled surface condition.

### NOTES

1 By agreement between manufacturer and purchaser, this International Standard might also be applied to other symmetrical shapes of cross-sections.

2 When agreed at the time of enquiry and order, this International Standard may also be applied to cold-drawn material, in particular the surface quality classes 5 to 7.

**1.2** This International Standard applies particularly to steels for engineering applications, but may, by agreement, also be applied to structural steels or tool steels.

**1.3** This International Standard does not include any requirements for the permissible depth of surface decarburization.

**1.4** The material standards for steel bars and wire rods may exclude the application of one or other of the surface quality classes of this International Standard. They may also cover requirements for surface quality which deviate from this International Standard. In these cases the requirements of the material standard shall prevail.

## 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publi-

cation, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 404:1981, *Steel and steel products — General technical delivery requirements*.

ISO 6929:1987, *Steel products — Definitions and classification*.

ISO 7800:1984, *Metallic materials — Wire — Simple torsion test*.

## 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definitions apply.

**3.1 delivery lot:** Unless otherwise specified in the order or product standard, a quantity of steel of the same type and the same diameter ordered with the same requirements for the surface quality and delivered at the same time.

### 3.2 Product forms

The definitions given in ISO 6929 apply.

### 3.3 Imperfections and defects

**3.3.1 imperfections:** Discontinuities with a depth smaller than or equal to the specified limiting value which may be left without repair.

**3.3.2 defects:** Discontinuities with a depth greater than the specified limiting value.