



# **MALAYSIAN STANDARD**

**MS 1787: PART 7:2004**

## **WOOD-BASED PANELS - PART 7: DETERMINATION OF DIMENSIONAL CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH CHANGES IN RELATIVE HUMIDITY (ISO 16985:2003, MOD)**

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### **Committee representation**

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Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia  
Department of Standards Malaysia  
Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia  
Jabatan Kerja Raya Malaysia  
Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran Malaysia  
Jabatan Perumahan Negara  
Malaysian Timber Industry Board  
Master Builders Association Malaysia  
Ministry of International Trade and Industry  
Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia  
Suruhanjaya Tenaga  
The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia  
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

The Technical Committee on Timber and Timber Products which supervised the development of this Malaysian Standard was managed by the Malaysian Timber Industry Board in its capacity as an authorised Standards-Writing Organisation and consists of representatives from the following organisations:

Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia  
Forestry Department of Peninsular Malaysia  
Forestry Department of Sabah  
Forest Research Institute Malaysia  
Jabatan Kerja Raya Malaysia  
Malaysian Furniture Industry Council  
Malaysian Panel-products Manufacturers' Association  
Malaysian Timber Industry Board (Secretariat)  
Malaysian Wood Industries Association  
Malaysian Wood Moulding and Joinery Council  
Malaysian Wood Preserving Association  
Persatuan Pengusaha Kayu Kayan dan Perabot Bumiputera Malaysia  
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The Subcommittee on Wood-based Panels which developed this Malaysian Standard consists of representatives from the following organisations:

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Dayakuasa Holdings Sdn Bhd

Fine Zone Furniture Sdn Bhd

Forest Research Institute Malaysia

Golden Hope Fibreboard Sdn Bhd

HeveaBoard Bhd

Malayan Adhesives and Chemicals Sdn Bhd

Malaysian Panel-products Manufacturers' Association

Malaysian Timber Industry Board (Secretariat)

Merbok MDF Sdn Bhd

Mieco Chipboard Bhd

Robin Resources (M) Sdn Bhd

Universiti Putra Malaysia

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## **FOREWORD**

This Malaysian Standard was developed by the Subcommittee on Wood-based Panels supervised by the Technical Committee on Timber and Timber Products under the authority of the Building and Civil Engineering Industry Standards Committee. Development of this standard was carried out by the Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) which is the Standards-Writing Organisation (SWO) appointed by SIRIM Berhad to develop standards for the timber industry.

This standard corresponds to ISO 16985:2003, *Wood-based panels – Determination of dimensional changes associated with changes in relative humidity*, published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) with the following modifications:

- a) sub-clause 4.1 - the sentence 'Balance, as described in ISO 16979' has been changed to 'Balance, with a scale of interval of 0.01 g'; and
- d) sub-clause 4.6 - deletion of the phrase 'in the climate chamber'.

MS 1787 consists of the following parts, under the general title, *Wood-based panels*:

- Part 1: *Determination of dimensions of panels*
- Part 2: *Sampling and cutting of test pieces*
- Part 3: *Determination of dimensions of test pieces*
- Part 4: *Determination of moisture content*
- Part 5: *Determination of density*
- Part 6: *Determination of swelling in thickness after immersion in water*
- Part 7: *Determination of dimensional changes associated with changes in relative humidity*
- Part 8: *Determination of moisture resistance under cyclic test conditions*
- Part 9: *Determination of surface soundness*
- Part 10: *Determination of modulus of elasticity in bending and of bending strength*
- Part 11: *Determination of tensile strength perpendicular to the plane of the panel*
- Part 12: *Determination of wet bending strength*
- Part 13: *Determination of screw holding ability*
- Part 14: *Determination of formaldehyde content by perforator method*
- Part 15: *Determination of formaldehyde emission by desiccator method*

This Malaysian Standard will be used in reference to fibreboard, particleboard and oriented strand board, but does not include plywood.

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