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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee BD-044, Fixing of Ceramic Tiles.

This Standard is identical with and has been reproduced from ISO 13006:1998(E), Ceramic tiles—Definitions, classification, characteristics and marking.

This Standard is the result of consensus among the representatives on the Joint Committee that it be produced as an Australian Standard.

Appendix ZA details a variation to ISO 13006:1998 for Australian conditions. Explanation for the basis of the variation is as follows:

A note has been added to Clause 8.1(b), Paragraphs A3.1(b), B3.1(b), C3.1(b), D3.1(b), E3.1(b), F3.1(b), G3.1(b), H3.1(b), J3.1(b), K3.1(b), L3.1(b), and L3.3(d) to assist with local interpretation and understanding of 'First Quality'.

An additional sentence to Note 2 of Table 1 has been added to provide guidance for dry-pressed unglazed tiles with water absorption greater than 10%.

A change of the glazing classification in second example in Paragraph 3.3 was made to make the classification consistent with Table 1.

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10545-2 Part 2: Determination of dimensions and surface quality	4459.2 Part 2: Determination of dimensions and surface quality
10545-3 Part 3: Determination of water absorption, apparent porosity, apparent relative density and bulk density	4459.3 Part 3: Determination of water absorption, apparent porosity, apparent relative density and bulk density
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10545-8 Part 8: Determination of linear thermal expansion	4459.8 Part 8: Determination of linear thermal expansion
10545-9 Part 9: Determination of resistance to thermal shock	4459.9 Part 9: Determination of resistance to thermal shock
10545-10 Part 10: Determination of moisture expansion	4459.10 Part 10: Determination of moisture expansion
10545-11 Part 11: Determination of crazing resistance for glazed tiles	4459.11 Part 11: Determination of crazing resistance for glazed tiles
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10545-13 Part 13: Determination of chemical resistance	4459.13 Part 13: Determination of chemical resistance
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International Standard ISO 13006 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 189, *Ceramic tile*.

Annexes A to L form an integral part of this International Standard. Annexes M to P and the Bibliography are for information only.

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AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

Ceramic tiles — Definitions, classification, characteristics and marking

1 Scope

This International Standard defines terms and establishes classifications, characteristics and marking requirements for ceramic tiles of the best commercial quality (first quality).

NOTE ISO 10545 describes the test procedures required to determine the product characteristics listed in ISO 13006. ISO 10545 is divided into parts each describing a specific test procedure or related matter.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, 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 1006:1983, *Building construction — Modular coordination — Basic module.*

ISO 10545-1:1995, *Ceramic tiles — Part 1: Sampling and basis for acceptance.*

ISO 10545-2:1995, *Ceramic tiles — Part 2: Determination of dimensions and surface quality.*

ISO 10545-3:1995, *Ceramic tiles — Part 3: Determination of water absorption, apparent porosity, apparent relative density and bulk density.*

ISO 10545-4:1994, *Ceramic tiles — Part 4: Determination of modulus of rupture and breaking strength.*

ISO 10545-5:1996, *Ceramic tiles — Part 5: Determination of impact resistance by measurement of coefficient of restitution.*

ISO 10545-6:1995, *Ceramic tiles — Part 6: Determination of resistance to deep abrasion for unglazed tiles.*

ISO 10545-7:1995, *Ceramic tiles — Part 7: Determination of resistance to surface abrasion for glazed tiles.*

ISO 10545-8:1994, *Ceramic tiles — Part 8: Determination of linear thermal expansion.*

ISO 10545-9:1994, *Ceramic tiles — Part 9: Determination of resistance to thermal shock.*

ISO 10545-10:1995, *Ceramic tiles — Part 10: Determination of moisture expansion.*

ISO 10545-11:1994, *Ceramic tiles — Part 11: Determination of crazing resistance for glazed tiles.*

ISO 10545-12:1995, *Ceramic tiles — Part 12: Determination of frost resistance.*

ISO 10545-13:1995, *Ceramic tiles — Part 13: Determination of chemical resistance.*

ISO 10545-14:1995, *Ceramic tiles — Part 14: Determination of resistance to stains.*