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## INTRODUCTION

The **weight loss** test assesses some of the food care aspects of various **compartments, sub-compartments** and **convenience features** within a refrigerator. The test can be performed with real or artificial foods. Real foods have seasonal and regional variations, making them difficult for global use for repeatable and reproducible testing.

Research was carried out on materials, which proved that a particular non-woven material was suitable to use to replicate real food. This non-woven material is used to replicate **weight loss** from food in the **weight loss** test. Consequently, this document contains an artificial material weight loss test.

As much as possible, alignment has been made with the performance test standards IEC 62552-1 and IEC 62552-3.

This document contains a link to the SC 59M Supporting Documents that are available on the IEC website. The SC 59M Supporting Documents include the 3D printing files, referred to in Annex B. These files are intended to be used as a complement, and do not form an integral part of the document.

# ELECTRICAL HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR COOLING AND FREEZING APPLIANCES – FOOD PRESERVATION

## 1 Scope

This document deals with a test to simulate the **weight loss** of leafy produce, given certain conditions of temperature, humidity and air movement in one or more **test zones**. The test can only be applied to spaces larger than 200 mm × 150 mm × 100 mm (L × W × H).

The aim of the test is to measure the **weight loss rate** by measuring the weight of a **test tray** prior to the test and after a given duration.

NOTE **Weight loss** is one of the considerations for shelf life of produce. Other considerations such as condensation will be addressed in future amendments.

## 2 Normative references

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IEC 62552-1:2015, *Household refrigerating appliances – Characteristics and test methods – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 62552-3:2015, *Household refrigerating appliances – Characteristics and test methods – Part 3: Energy consumption and volumes*

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### 3.1

#### **test zone**

space inside the refrigeration appliance subject to the **weight loss** test

Note 1 to entry: This space is typically a vegetable drawer or crisper but can also be any other compartment, sub-compartment or convenience feature (see IEC 62552-1:2015, 3.3.1, 3.3.2 and 3.3.3, respectively). The manufacturer shall fully describe any **test zones** to be tested.

Note 2 to entry: Any zone in a refrigerator can be a **test zone**. A **test zone** needs to be separated or at least partially sealed from other zones in the same **compartment** or **sub-compartment**.

### 3.2

#### **test tray**

tray of specific dimensions containing a predefined number of **test sheets** which is charged with a predefined amount of water