

Cement —

Part 4: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria for low early strength blastfurnace cements

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National foreword

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EN 197-4 is the subject of transitional arrangements agreed under the Commission mandate. In the UK, the corresponding national standard is:

- BS 146:2002, *Specification for blastfurnace cements with strength properties outside the scope of BS EN 197-1*;

and based on this transition period of twenty-one months, BS 146:2002 would be withdrawn in January 2006.

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