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Foreword

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ISO 139 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 38, *Textiles*, Subcommittee SC 24, *Conditioning atmospheres and physical tests for textile fabrics*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 139:1973), which has been technically revised, specifically by including the allowances for the uncertainty of the measurement in the overall tolerances for temperature and relative humidity.

Introduction

The tolerances for temperature and relative humidity given in ISO 139:1973 were the tolerances for the temperature and relative humidity measured in the laboratory, and without any consideration for the uncertainty of measurement of the measuring devices being used.

With the increased understanding since 1973 and the existence now of standards covering these issues (e.g. ISO 14253-1), it is now necessary to allow for the uncertainty of measurement when setting appropriate tolerances.

This second edition of ISO 139 includes the allowance for uncertainty of measurement in the overall tolerances for temperature and relative humidity.

This means that although the tolerances for temperature and relative humidity appear more lenient than in ISO 139:1973, in practice, the laboratory must still be controlled (measured temperature and humidity) to essentially the same level as stated in ISO 139:1973.

Textiles — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing

1 Scope

This International Standard defines the characteristics and use of a standard atmosphere for conditioning, for determining the physical and mechanical properties of textiles and a standard alternative atmosphere that may be used if agreed between parties.

2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

2.1
standard atmosphere
environment of controlled relative humidity and temperature in which textiles are conditioned and tested

2.2
relative humidity
ratio, expressed as a percentage, of the actual pressure of the water vapour in the atmosphere to the saturation vapour pressure at the same temperature and at the same pressure

2.3
tolerance
difference between the upper and lower tolerance limits

[ISO 3534-2]

2.4
tolerance zone
variate values of the characteristics between and including the tolerance limits

[ISO 3534-2]

2.5
tolerance limits
specified values of the characteristic giving upper and/or lower bounds of the permissible value

[ISO 3534-2]

2.6
uncertainty of measurement
parameter, associated with the result of measurement, that characterizes the dispersion of the values that could reasonably be attributed to the measurand

NOTE Modified from VIM.

2.7
resolution (of displaying device)
smallest difference between indications of displaying that can be meaningfully distinguished

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3 Requirements

3.1 Standard atmosphere

Standard atmospheres shall have a temperature of 20,0 °C and a relative humidity of 65,0 %.

3.2 Standard alternative atmosphere

Standard alternative atmospheres shall have a temperature of 23,0 °C and a relative humidity of 50,0 %.

The alternative atmosphere may be used only if the parties involved agree on its use.

3.3 Tolerance zone for the standard atmosphere and for the standard alternative atmosphere

The tolerance for temperature is ± 2,0 °C.

The tolerance for relative humidity is ± 4,0 %.

NOTE For control of standard atmospheres, see Annex A.

4 Apparatus

4.1 Measuring devices for temperature and relative humidity

Measuring devices should meet the following requirements:

— resolution: for temperature, 0,1 °C or better, and for relative humidity, 0,1 % or better;

— uncertainty of measurement: for temperature, ± 0,5 °C or better, and for relative humidity, ± 2,0 % or better.

Calibration to determine the uncertainties of the measurement sensors shall be carried out regularly.

4.2 Limitations to measurement devices

Devices used for the measurement of relative humidity and temperature in the conditioned atmosphere shall be separate from those normally used for controlling heating, ventilation and air conditioning ducts.

5 Procedures

5.1 Reading frequency for continuous monitoring

Sensor readings of a conditioned atmospheric enclosure shall be made at such a frequency that any short-term out-of-tolerance-limit events can be detected (see Annex A for additional information).

5.2 Spatial variation

More than one measuring devices might be required to ensure adequate monitoring of the atmospheric conditions throughout the enclosure (see Annex A).

5.3 Pre-conditioning

Before conditioning a textile, pre-conditioning might be required. If so, the textile shall be brought approximately to equilibrium in an atmosphere having a relative humidity of between 10,0 % and 25,0 % and a temperature not exceeding 50,0 °C.

5.4 Conditioning

Before a textile is tested, it shall be conditioned by placing it in the atmosphere for testing in such a way that the air flows freely through the textile, and keeping it there for the time required to bring it into equilibrium with the atmosphere.

Unless otherwise specified, the textile should be considered to be in equilibrium when successive weighing, at intervals of 2 h, shows no progressive change in mass greater than 0,25 %.

6 Test report

If required, laboratory test reports shall include the following:

a) identification of the test specimen;

b) reference to this International Standard (ISO 139:2005);

c) details of the atmosphere used for conditioning and testing;

d) details of any deviation from this International Standard.