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**Textiles — Quantitative chemical  
analysis —**

Part 22:

**Mixtures of viscose or certain types  
of cupro or modal or lyocell and flax  
fibres (method using formic acid and  
zinc chloride)**

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## Foreword

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- Part 1: *General principles of testing*
- Part 2: *Ternary fibre mixtures*
- Part 3: *Mixtures of acetate and certain other fibres (method using acetone)*
- Part 4: *Mixtures of certain protein and certain other fibres (method using hypochlorite)*
- Part 5: *Mixtures of viscose, cupro or modal and cotton fibres (method using sodium zincate)*
- Part 6: *Mixtures of viscose or certain types of cupro or modal or lyocell and cotton fibres (method using formic acid and zinc chloride)*
- Part 7: *Mixtures of polyamide and certain other fibres (method using formic acid)*
- Part 8: *Mixtures of acetate and triacetate fibres (method using acetone)*
- Part 9: *Mixtures of acetate and triacetate fibres (method using benzyl alcohol)*
- Part 10: *Mixtures of triacetate or polylactide and certain other fibres (method using dichloromethane)*
- Part 11: *Mixtures of cellulose and polyester fibres (method using sulfuric acid)*
- Part 12: *Mixtures of acrylic, certain modacrylics certain chlorofibres, certain elastanes and certain other fibres (method using dimethylformamide)*
- Part 13: *Mixtures of certain chlorofibres and certain other fibres (method using carbon disulfide/ acetone)*
- Part 14: *Mixtures of acetate and certain chlorofibres (method using acetic acid)*
- Part 15: *Mixtures of jute and certain animal fibres (method by determining nitrogen content)*
- Part 16: *Mixtures of polypropylene fibres and certain other fibres (method using xylene)*
- Part 17: *Mixtures of chlorofibres (homopolymers of vinyl chloride) and certain other fibres (method using sulfuric acid)*
- Part 18: *Mixtures of silk and wool or hair (method using sulfuric acid)*

- *Part 19: Mixtures of cellulose fibres and asbestos (method by heating)*
- *Part 20: Mixtures of elastane and certain other fibres (method using dimethylacetamide)*
- *Part 21: Mixtures of chlorofibres, certain modacrylics, certain elastanes, acetates, triacetates and certain other fibres (method using cyclohexanone)*
- *Part 22: Mixtures of viscose or certain types of cupro or modal or lyocell and flax fibres (method using formic acid and zinc chloride)*
- *Part 24: Mixtures of polyester and some other fibres (method using phenol and tetrachloroethane)*
- *Part 25: Mixtures of polyester and cotton or aramid fibres (method using trichloroacetic acid and chloroform)*
- *Part 26: Mixtures of melamine and cotton or aramide fibres (method using hot formic acid)*

The following part is cancelled:

- *Part 23: Mixtures of polyethylene and polypropylene (method using cyclohexanone)*

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# Textiles — Quantitative chemical analysis —

## Part 22:

### Mixtures of viscose or certain types of cupro or modal or lyocell and flax fibres (method using formic acid and zinc chloride)

**WARNING** — This part of ISO 1833 calls for the use of substances/procedures that may be injurious to the health/environment if appropriate conditions are not observed. It refers only to technical suitability and does not absolve the user from legal obligations relating to health and safety/environment at any stage.

#### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 1833 is applicable, after removal of non-fibrous matter, to binary mixtures of

— viscose or certain types of the current cupro or modal or lyocell fibres

with

— flax fibres.

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If a cupro or modal fibre is found to be present, a preliminary test should be carried out to see whether it is soluble in the reagent.

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The part of ISO 1833 is not applicable to mixtures in which the flax fibre has suffered extensive chemical degradation, nor when the viscose, cupro, modal or lyocell fibre is rendered incompletely soluble by the presence of certain permanent finishes or reactive dyes that cannot be removed completely.

#### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1833-1:2006, *Textiles — Quantitative chemical analysis — Part 1: General principles of testing*

#### 3 Principle

After the removal of the non-cellulosic components (pectin, etc.) related to the flax fibre internal structure by means of pre-treatment with sodium hydroxide, the viscose, cupro or modal or lyocell fibre is dissolved out from a known dry mass of the mixture, with a reagent composed of formic acid and zinc chloride. The residue is collected, washed, dried and weighed; its corrected mass is expressed as a percentage of the dry mass of the mixture. The percentage of viscose, cupro, modal or lyocell fibre is found by difference.

#### 4 Reagents and apparatus

##### 4.1 General

Use the reagents and the apparatus described in ISO 1833-1, together with those specified in 4.2 and 4.3.

## 4.2 Reagent

4.2.1 Sodium hydroxide solution of 1,5 mol/l.

4.2.2 Acetic acid solution of 0,1 mol/l.

4.2.3 Formic acid/zinc chloride reagent.

Prepare a solution containing 20 g of anhydrous zinc chloride and 68 g of anhydrous formic acid, made up to 100 g with water.

**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS — The harmful effects of this reagent shall be borne in mind, and full precautions shall be taken during use.**

4.2.4 Ammonia, dilute solution.

Dilute 20 ml of concentrated ammonia solution ( $\rho = 0,880$  g/ml) to 1 l with water.

## 4.3 Apparatus

4.3.1 Flask with ground glass stopper, of minimum capacity 250 ml.

4.3.2 Reflux condenser.

4.3.3 Heating apparatus capable of maintaining the boiling of the content of the flask during the pre-treatment.

4.3.4 Conical flask, of minimum capacity 200 ml, glass-stoppered.

4.3.5 Heating apparatus, capable of maintaining the temperature of the flask at  $(40 \pm 2)$  °C.

## 5 Test procedure

### 5.1 General

Follow the general procedure described in ISO 1833-1, and then proceed as follows.

### 5.2 Removal of the non-cellulosic components of the flax fibres

Based on the intensity of the flax retting and of the applied treatments, from 10 % to 40 % of non-cellulosic components (pectin, etc.) of the flax fibres shall be removed prior to the dissolution of viscose or cupro or modal or lyocell.

Place at least 1 g of the specimen in a weighed filter crucible.

Place and dry the weighed filter crucible and the specimen in an oven, then cool down and weigh.

Allow the sodium hydroxide solution to boil for at least 15 min in the flask equipped with a reflux condenser. The bath ratio of the solution to the specimen shall be at 1/100.

After removal of air from the solution (due to boiling), place the specimen in the flask and continue boiling for 1 h. Wet out constantly the specimen in the solution.

Rinse the specimen by continuous siphoning with distilled or deionized water for 5 min.

Immerse the specimen in the acetic acid solution for 10 min.



Filter the contents of the flask through the weighed filter crucible and wash any fibres from the flask into the crucible with 0,1 mol/l acetic acid solution.

Drain the crucible with suction and wash with water until neutralization is achieved. Do not apply suction until the washing liquor has drained under gravity.

Finally, drain the crucible with suction, dry the crucible and residue, cool and weigh them.

### 5.3 Dissolution of viscose, cupro, modal or lyocell fibre

Place the pre-treated specimen without delay in the conical flask pre-heated to 40 °C.

Weigh again the filter crucible because of remaining loose fibres after the transfer.

Determine the dry mass of the mixture before the dissolution test.

Add 100 ml of formic acid/zinc chloride reagent per gram of specimen, pre-heated to 40 °C.

Stopper the flask and shake it.

Allow the flask and contents to remain at 40 °C for 2 h 30 min, shaking it twice during this time at intervals of about 60 min.

Filter the contents of the flask through the weighed filter crucible and wash any fibres from the flask into the crucible with the reagent.

Rinse with a further 20 ml of reagent.

Wash the crucible and residue thoroughly with water at 40 °C.

Rinse the residue with 100 ml of cold ammonia solution, ensuring that the residue remains totally immersed in the solution for 10 min, and then rinse with cold water. (Do not apply suction until each washing liquor has drained under gravity.)

Finally, drain the crucible with suction, dry the crucible and residue, and cool and weigh them.

Examine the residue microscopically, or otherwise, as appropriate, to check that the treatment has in fact completely removed the soluble fibre [see 9.2 Testing execution in ISO 1833-1:2006].

## 6 Calculation and expression of results

### 6.1 Calculation of loss in mass during pre-treatment

$$P_s = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1} \times 100$$

where

$P_s$  is the percentage of loss in mass during pre-treatment with sodium hydroxide;

$m_1$  is the dry mass of the test specimen before the pre-treatment with sodium hydroxide;

$m_2$  is the dry mass of the test specimen after the pre-treatment with sodium hydroxide.