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Fireworks — Test methods for determination of specific chemical substances —

Part 3: Lead and lead compounds by atomic absorption

1 Scope

This document specifies the test method for determination of the lead content in pyrotechnic compositions of fireworks by flame atomic absorption spectrophotometry, with a minimum detection limit of 10 mg/kg.

It is generally recommended to perform a simple preliminary qualitative test to check whether a quantitative analysis is required.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 22863-1:2020, *Fireworks — Test methods for determination of specific chemical substances — Part 1: General*

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3 Terms and definitions

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4 Principle

The test method consists to digest the samples with hydrochloric acid, nitric acid, hydrofluoric acid and perchloric acid and then to use atomic absorption spectrophotometer to determine the lead content.

5 Reagents

Unless otherwise stated, only confirmed as analytical reagent, distilled water or deionized water or equivalent purity water shall be used.

5.1 Hydrochloric acid ($\rho = 1,19$ g/ml).

5.2 Perchloric acid ($\rho = 1,67$ g/ml).

5.3 Nitric acid ($\rho = 1,42$ g/ml).

- 5.4 **Hydrofluoric acid** ($\rho = 1,15 \text{ g/ml}$).
- 5.5 **Diluted hydrochloric acid** (1 part acid + 11 parts water).
- 5.6 **Diluted hydrochloric acid** (1 part acid + 1 part water).
- 5.7 **Mixed acid** (4 parts nitric acid+ 1 part perchloric acid).
- 5.8 **Standard solution of lead** (1 000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$).

5.9 **Standard diluted solution of lead** (100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$): Pour 10,00 ml of lead standard solution (5.8) into a 100 ml flask, add diluted hydrochloric acid (5.5) up to the 100 ml graduation, then mix.

6 Apparatus

6.1 **Microwave digestion oven**, equipped with PTFE or other suitable digestion vessel. Operating conditions of the apparatus and the corresponding digestion times shall follow the manufacturer's instructions.

NOTE Other equipment can be used provided it complies with the same purpose.

6.2 **Flame atomic absorption spectrophotometer**, equipped with lead element hollow cathode lamp. Operating conditions shall follow the manufacturer's instructions.

6.3 **Analytical balance**, accuracy 0,1 mg.

6.4 **Electric hot plate**, capable of reaching 500 °C.

7 Preparations

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Preparation of sample shall be performed according to ISO 22863-1:2020, 5.2 to 5.3.

8 Analysis steps

8.1 Sample size

Take 1,0 g sample, using the analytical balance (6.3).

Duplicate the sample.

8.2 General requirement

The analysis of the two samples shall be carried out simultaneously.

For error correction, a blank test shall be carried out in parallel with a lead-free blank solution.