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Foreword

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Introduction

Historically, a set of ISO standards have been developed to specify the requirements of analytical cigarette smoking machines and their use for the quantitative determination of a number of cigarette smoke constituents (such as total particulate matter, nicotine-free dry particulate matter, water, nicotine or benzo[a]pyrene) with a unique standard smoking regime. The description of this smoking regime is provided in ISO 3308.

Later, requirements to provide smoke constituents data with an intense smoking regime, different from the ISO 3308 standard smoking regime, originated from different countries and the Conferences of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, resulting in a need to specify the conditions for the use of the intense smoking regime on analytical cigarette-smoking machines. The specifications for the use of the intense smoking regime on analytical cigarette-smoking machines are provided in ISO 20778.

This document took into account practical work conducted in the framework of an interlaboratory study involving 35 laboratories (published as ISO/TR 19478-1 and ISO/TR 19478-2). It provides specifications for the determination of carbon monoxide in the vapour phase of cigarette smoke obtained with an intense smoking regime using NDIR method.

No machine smoking regime can represent all human smoking behaviour.

— It is recommended that cigarettes also be tested under conditions of a different intensity of machine smoking than those specified in this document.

— Machine smoking testing is useful to characterize cigarette emissions for design and regulatory purposes, but communication of machine measurements to smokers can result in misunderstandings about differences in exposure and risk across brands.

— Smoke emission data from machine measurements may be used as inputs for product hazard assessment, but they are not intended to be nor are they valid as measures of human exposure or risks. Communicating differences between products in machine measurements as differences in exposure or risk is a misuse of testing using ISO standards.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determination of carbon monoxide (CO) in the vapour phase of cigarette smoke with an intense smoking regime.

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 3402, *Tobacco and tobacco products — Atmosphere for conditioning and testing*

ISO 20778, *Cigarettes — Routine analytical cigarette smoking machine — Definitions and standard conditions with an intense smoking regime*

ISO 20779, *Cigarettes — Generation and collection of total particulate matter using a routine analytical smoking machine with an intense smoking regime*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
vapour phase
portion of smoke, which passes the particulate phase trap during smoking in accordance with ISO 20779 using a machine conforming to ISO 20778

[SOURCE: ISO 8454:2007, 3.1, modified — ISO 4387 and ISO 3308 have been replaced by ISO 20779 and ISO 20778 respectively.]

3.2
clearing puff
any puff taken after a cigarette has been extinguished or removed from the cigarette holder

[SOURCE: ISO 20778:2018, 3.22]

4 Principle

Smoke generation in accordance with the procedures given in ISO 20779. Collection of the vapour phase of the cigarette smoke and measurement of the carbon monoxide using a non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) analyser calibrated for carbon monoxide. Calculation of the amount of carbon monoxide per cigarette.

5 Apparatus

Usual laboratory apparatus and, in particular, the following items.

5.1 Conditioning enclosure, maintained accurately in accordance with the conditions specified in ISO 3402, for conditioning the cigarette sample prior to smoking (see also 7.1).

5.2 Routine analytical cigarette-smoking machine and accessories, complying with the requirements of ISO 20778.

5.3 Vapour-phase collection system, which can be fitted to one or more of the smoking machine channels. The use of the system shall ensure collection of all the vapour phase (normally vented to atmosphere) to be stored in a previously evacuated container for subsequent sampling through an NDIR analyser.

The collection system shall not cause interference with the normal performance of the smoking machine and the consequent determination of total particulate matter and nicotine.

The impermeability of the gas-collecting device to a vapour phase shall be checked with a vapour phase containing a volume fraction of 4 % to 6 % of CO. The CO concentration shall be measured directly after filling the previously evacuated gas-collecting device. After a period of not less than 2 h, the measured value of CO concentration in the vapour phase in the device shall not differ by more than a volume fraction of 0,2 % from the value expected from the first determination.

When a bag is used as the gas-collecting device, it shall be large enough to avoid the final pressure of its contents exceeding the ambient atmospheric pressure. The volume of the bag should also be no greater than twice the volume of the gas content collected at atmospheric pressure. In practice, the collection of the vapour phase from 3 cigarettes requires a volume of 3 l and the collection of the vapour phase from 10 cigarettes requires a volume of 10 l.

5.4 Non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) analyser, selective and calibrated for the measurement of carbon monoxide in vapours and gases.

Analysers are available from several manufacturers and should have a preferred working range of a volume fraction of 0 % to 10 % CO and a sampling rate of between 0,5 l/min and 5 l/min. The analyser shall have a precision of 1 % of full scale, a linearity of 1 % of full scale and a repeatability of 0,2 % of full scale, under conditions of constant temperature and pressure. In terms of volume fractions, its response to 10 % CO_2 shall not exceed 0,05 % as CO. Its response to 2 % water vapour shall not exceed 0,05 % as CO.

5.5 Ignition device, effecting flameless ignition. Experience has shown that the lighting process can influence the CO yield considerably. The lighters shall light the cigarettes at the first attempt without either touching or pre-charring the cigarettes. The CO yields are increased by higher lighting intensity.

5.6 Barometer, capable of measuring atmospheric pressures to the nearest 0,1 kPa.

5.7 Thermometer, capable of measuring temperature to the nearest 0,1 °C.

6 Standard gas mixtures

Make-up gas shall be nitrogen as other gases can change the detected response of carbon monoxide. Gases used should be of high purity (with low content of carbon dioxide) and used within the date stated on the manufacturer's certificate of analysis.

The NDIR analyser should be calibrated with at least three standard gas mixtures of accurately known concentrations within a relative error of 2 % covering the expected range in such a way as to avoid extrapolation of the calibration curve. Typically, volume fractions of about 1 %, 3 % and 5 % of CO in nitrogen are appropriate.

7 Procedure

7.1 Conditioning

Condition the test portion taken from and representative of the laboratory sample in accordance with ISO 3402. Verify that equilibrium has been properly attained as described in ISO 3402.

The atmosphere in the laboratory where the smoking is to be carried out shall also be in accordance with ISO 3402. Place the conditioned test portion in an airtight container (just large enough to contain the portion) and remove each cigarette from the container just before smoking.

7.2 Calibration of the NDIR analyser

7.2.1 Warm up the instrument according to the manufacturer's recommendations, purge the instrument with air and adjust to read zero.

7.2.2 Fill a previously evacuated vapour-phase collection container with the standard gas mixture of a volume fraction of about 5 % CO, re-evacuate and refill with gas. Ensure that the gas in the container is at ambient temperature and pressure. Introduce the gas into the measuring cell using the system sampling pump allowing 5 s to 10 s for equilibration of pressure of the analyser. Note the reading on the analyser concentration display when a steady value has been obtained.

If necessary, adjust the analyser reading to agree with the certified value of the standard gas.

7.2.3 Repeat the procedure as specified in 7.2.2 for at least two other standard gas mixtures without adjusting the analyser readings. If there is a difference of greater than a volume fraction of 0,2 % CO between the observed and expected values, attention should be given to the analyser linearity.

Where the standard gas mixture is a volume fraction of certified 1,00 % CO, the maximum allowed range for the observed value is 0,80 % to 1,20 %.

7.2.4 Recalibrate the instrument at least once a week, using the standard gases. The calibration shall be linear within the limits reported in 5.4.

7.2.5 Check the calibration prior to the measurement using the standard gas containing a volume fraction of about 5 % carbon monoxide. If there is a difference greater than a volume fraction of 0,2 % CO between observed and expected values, repeat the full calibration.

7.3 Smoking and collection of vapour phase

7.3.1 Preparation of vapour-phase collection system

Prepare the system using the instructions pertinent to the equipment fitted.