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(between 200 and 500)**

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matière active cationique —*

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et 500)*



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Foreword

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- *Part 1: High-molecular-mass cationic-active matter*
- *Part 2: Cationic-active matter of low molecular mass (between 200 and 500)*

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Surface active agents — Detergents — Determination of cationic-active matter content —

Part 2:

Cationic-active matter of low molecular mass (between 200 and 500)

1 Scope

This part of ISO 2871 specifies a method for the determination of low-molecular-mass cationic-active materials such as monoamines, amine oxides, quaternary ammonium compounds and alkylpyridinium salts which have a main chain of 10 to 22 carbon atoms and not more than 6 other carbon atoms in the cation.

The method is also suitable for other cationic-active materials.

The method is applicable to solids or to aqueous solutions of the active material. The relative molecular mass of the cationic-active matter shall be known or previously determined if its content is expressed as a percentage by mass. If more than one type of cationic-active material is present, an estimate of average relative molecular mass may be used.

The method is not applicable if anionic and/or amphoteric surface active agents are present.

NOTE 1 Low relative molecular mass sulfonates of toluene and xylene present as hydrotropes do not interfere when present in concentrations up to and including 15 % (m/m) with respect to the active material. At higher levels, their influence should be evaluated in each particular case.

Non-ionic surface active agents, soap, urea and the salts of (ethylenedinitrilo)tetraacetic acid do not interfere.

Typical inorganic components of detergent formulations, such as sodium chloride, sulfate, borate,

tripolyphosphate, perborate, silicate, etc., do not interfere, but bleaching agents other than perborate shall be destroyed before the analysis, and the sample shall be completely soluble in water.

This part of ISO 2871 should be read in conjunction with ISO 2271.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 2871. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 2871 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 385-1:1984, *Laboratory glassware — Burettes — Part 1: General requirements*.

ISO 607:1980, *Surface active agents and detergents — Methods of sample division*.

ISO 1042:1983, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks*.

ISO 2271:1989, *Surface active agents — Detergents — Determination of anionic-active matter by manual or mechanical direct two-phase titration procedure*.

ISO 3696:1987, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*.

3 Principle

The cationic-active matter in a sample is titrated in a two-phase (aqueous chloroform) system against a standard anionic surface-active agent in the presence of an indicator consisting of mixed anionic and cationic dyes. The cationic surface-active agent present in the sample initially reacts with the anionic dye to form a salt which dissolves in the chloroform layer, imparting a blue colour to this layer. During the titration, the anionic surface-active agent displaces the anionic dye and, at the end point, forms a salt with the cationic dye, imparting a greyish-pink colour to the chloroform layer.

4 Reagents

During the analysis, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and only distilled water or water of at least equivalent purity complying with the specifications for grade 3 of ISO 3696.

4.1 Chloroform, ρ_{20} 1,48 g/ml, distilling between 59,5 °C and 61,5 °C.

4.2 Sodium lauryl sulfate (Sodium dodecyl sulfate) [$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{11}\text{OSO}_3\text{Na}$], standard volumetric solution, $c(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{25}\text{NaO}_4\text{S}) = 0,004 \text{ mol/l}$.

While preparing the standard volumetric solution as described in 4.2.2, check the purity of the solid sodium lauryl sulfate used as described in 4.2.1.

4.2.1 Determination of purity of sodium lauryl sulfate.

Weigh, to the nearest 1 mg, $5 \text{ g} \pm 0,2 \text{ g}$ of the solid product into a 250 ml round bottom flask with ground-glass neck. Add exactly 25 ml of a standard volumetric sulfuric acid solution, $c(0,5\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4) = 1 \text{ mol/l}$, and reflux using a water condenser. During the first 5 min to 10 min, the solution will thicken and tend to foam strongly; control this by removing the source of heat and swirling the contents of the flask.

In order to avoid excessive foaming, instead of refluxing, the solution may be left on a boiling water bath for 60 min.

After a further 10 min, the solution will become clear and foaming will cease. Reflux for a further 90 min.

Remove the source of heat, cool the flask and carefully rinse the condenser with 30 ml of ethanol followed by water.

Add a few drops of ethanolic phenolphthalein solution (concentration 10 g/l), and titrate the solution with sodium hydroxide solution $c(\text{NaOH}) = 1 \text{ mol/l}$.

Carry out a blank test by titrating 25 ml of the 1 mol/l sulfuric acid solution with the 1 mol/l sodium hydroxide solution.

Calculate the purity, τ , expressed as a percentage by mass, of the sodium lauryl sulfate using the formula

$$\frac{28,84(V_1 - V_0)c_0}{m_1}$$

where

V_0 is the volume, in millilitres, of the 1 mol/l sodium hydroxide solution used for the blank test;

V_1 is the volume, in millilitres, of the 1 mol/l sodium hydroxide solution used for the test portion of sodium lauryl sulfate taken;

c_0 is the exact concentration, expressed in moles of NaOH per litre, of sodium hydroxide solution used;

m_1 is the mass, in grams, of the test portion of sodium lauryl sulfate taken.

4.2.2 Preparation of standard volumetric sodium lauryl sulfate solution.

Weigh, to the nearest 1 mg, between 1,14 g and 1,16 g of sodium lauryl sulfate and dissolve in 200 ml of water. Transfer the solution quantitatively to a 1 000 ml one-mark volumetric flask (5.3) fitted with a ground-glass stopper, and dilute to the mark with water.

Calculate the exact concentration c_2 , expressed in moles of $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{25}\text{NaO}_4\text{S}$ per litre, of the solution thus obtained, using the formula

$$\frac{m_2\tau}{288,4 \times 100}$$

where

m_2 is the mass, in grams, of sodium lauryl sulfate used to prepare the solution;

τ has the same meaning as in 4.2.1.