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International Standard ISO 3402 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 126, *Tobacco and tobacco products*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 3402:1978), which has been technically revised.

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Introduction

During 1988 and 1989, collaborative studies by task forces composed of members of the Cooperation Centre for Scientific Research Relative to Tobacco (CORESTA), "Smoke" and "Technology" groups, have been made on the repeatability and reproducibility of tests on tobacco and tobacco products.

In order to ensure comparability between test results from different laboratories it has been proved necessary to specify a single atmosphere for conditioning and testing rather than allowing the use of one of the three possibilities provided for in the two previous editions of this International Standard.

It has also been found that, in practice, the previous tolerances on relative humidity for the test atmosphere were difficult to achieve.

These studies have resulted in the publication of CORESTA recommended method No. 21.

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