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The main changes are as follows:

- the formula in [Annex B](#) has been revised with units of mmol/mol;
- using the revised formula in [Annex B](#), the data in [Annex C](#), [Annex D](#), [Annex G](#) and [Annex I](#) have been recalculated;
- the test report has been updated (see [Clause 12](#));
- explanations for the numbers and labels above and below [Figure C.1](#) and [Figure D.1](#) in figure key have been added;
- figure key has been added in [Figure H.1](#).

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1 Scope

This document specifies two methods for the determination of co-monomer contents of polyethylene products by solution state ^{13}C -NMR spectrometry (nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometry):

- Method A: inverse gated decoupling method;
- Method B: insensitive nuclei enhanced by polarization transfer method.

This document is applicable to copolymers of ethylene having a content of other 1-olefinic monomers of less than a mass fraction of 50 %.

This document is not applicable to ethylene homopolymers or copolymers in which ethylene is polymerized with two or more type 1-olefin comonomers.

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 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

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ISO 648, *Laboratory glassware — Single-volume pipettes*

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 472 and the following 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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1.1

INEPT

insensitive nuclei enhanced by polarization transfer

^{13}C NMR method in which magnetisation is transferred from sensitive nuclei to directly linked insensitive nuclei enhanced by polarisation transfer

Note 1 to entry: See Reference [3].