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Partie 1: Méthode colorimétrique*

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Foreword

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IULTCS, originally formed in 1897, is a world-wide organization of professional leather societies to further the advancement of leather science and technology. IULTCS has three Commissions, which are responsible for establishing international methods for the sampling and testing of leather. ISO recognizes IULTCS as an international standardizing body for the preparation of test methods for leather.

This first edition of ISO 17075-1, together with ISO 17075-2, cancels and replaces ISO 17075:2007, which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to ISO 17075:2007 are as follows:

- the sample preparation has been revised;
- mechanical shaking in [7.1](#), [7.2](#) and [7.3](#) has been revised.

A list of all parts in the ISO 17075 series can be found on the ISO website.

Leather — Chemical determination of chromium(VI) content in leather —

Part 1: Colorimetric method

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining chromium(VI) in solutions leached from leather under defined conditions. The method described is suitable to quantify the chromium(VI) content in leathers down to 3 mg/kg.

This document is applicable to all leather types.

The results obtained from this method are strictly dependent on the extraction conditions. Results obtained by using other extraction procedures (extraction solution, pH, extraction time, etc.) are not comparable with the results produced by the procedure described in this document.

If a leather sample is tested with both this document and ISO 17075-2, the results obtained with ISO 17075-2 are considered as the reference. The advantage of the method described in ISO 17075-2 is that there are no interferences from the colour of the extract. Nevertheless, interlaboratory trials do not show significant differences (see [Annex C](#)) and the results are comparable between both methods.

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 2418, *Leather — Chemical, physical and mechanical and fastness tests — Sampling location*

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

ISO 4044:2017, *Leather — Chemical tests — Preparation of chemical test samples*

ISO 4684, *Leather — Chemical tests — Determination of volatile matter*

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 <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

chromium(VI) content

amount of chromium(VI) in leather determined after extraction with an aqueous salt solution at pH 7,0 to 8,0

Note 1 to entry: The chromium(VI) content is reported as chromium(VI) in milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), expressed as the dry mass of the sample.