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- Correction of "4 ml l⁻¹" to "4 mol·l⁻¹" in [Annex A](#).
- Editorial corrections made to several symbols.

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Introduction

The biomass content of solid recovered fuels is relevant for the evaluation of the impact of energy production on greenhouse gas emission. Instrumental methods, wet chemical and manual procedures are available for the calculation of the renewable energy fraction. Instrumental methods are based on the determination of ^{14}C content while manual procedures are based on separation of different fractions by visual inspection. The wet chemical procedure differentiate biomass from non-biomass materials as function of the acid dissolution behaviour.

The fraction of biomass is expressed:

- by mass;
- by energy content (gross or net calorific value);
- by carbon content.

This document is primarily intended for laboratories, producers, suppliers and purchasers of solid recovered fuels, but is also useful for the authorities and inspection organizations.

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Solid recovered fuels — Methods for the determination of biomass content

1 Scope

This document specifies three methods for the determination of the biomass content in solid recovered fuels: the ^{14}C content method, the selective dissolution and the manual sorting 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 21637:2020, *Solid recovered fuels — Terminology, definitions and descriptions*

ISO 21645¹⁾, *Solid recovered fuels — Methods for sampling*

ISO 21646²⁾, *Combustibles solides de récupération — Préparation des échantillons*

ISO 21654³⁾, *Solid recovered fuels — Determination of calorific value*

ISO 21656⁴⁾, *Solid recovered fuels — Determination of ash content*

ISO 21663, *Solid recovered fuels — Methods for the determination of total carbon (C), hydrogen (H), nitrogen (N) and sulphur (S) by the instrumental method*

3 Terms and definitions

ISO 21644:2021

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 21637:2020 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 <http://www.electropedia.org/>

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ash content on dry basis

mass of inorganic residue remaining after ignition of a fuel under specified conditions, expressed as mass fraction in percent of the dry matter in the fuel, also includes removed ash contributors

Note 1 to entry: This is typically expressed as a percentage of the mass of dry matter in the fuel source.

Note 2 to entry: Depending on the combustion efficiency the ash may contain combustibles.

Note 3 to entry: If a complete combustion is realized, ash contains only inorganic, non-combustible components.

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