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**Photography — Processing waste —  
Determination of ammoniacal nitrogen  
(microdiffusion method)**

*Photographie — Effluents de traitement — Détermination de l'azote  
ammoniacal (méthode par microdiffusion)*

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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This International Standard is one of a series devoted to the analysis of photographic wastes; it encompasses the field of analysis of the ammoniacal nitrogen content in a photographic effluent.

This International Standard is intended for use by individuals with a working knowledge of analytical techniques. Some of the procedures use caustic, toxic or otherwise hazardous chemicals. Safe laboratory practice for the handling of chemicals requires the use of safety glasses or goggles and, in some cases, other protective apparel such as rubber gloves, face masks or aprons. Normal precautions for the safe performance of any chemical procedure must be exercised at all times, but specific details have been provided for hazardous materials. Hazard warnings are designated by a letter enclosed in angle brackets "< >." These are defined in clause 5 and then used throughout the text. More detailed information on hazards, handling and use of these chemicals may be available from the manufacturer.

Photographic laboratories can establish conformity to effluent regulations only by chemical analysis. If this cannot be done in-house, an outside laboratory should be used.

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