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*Partie 1: Détermination des valeurs de fidélité relatives aux méthodes d'essai*



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This first edition of ISO 4259-1, together with ISO 4259-2, cancels and replaces ISO 4259, which has been technically revised.

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### Introduction

For purposes of quality control and to check compliance with specifications, the properties of commercial petroleum products are assessed by standard laboratory test methods. Two or more measurements of the same property of a specific sample by a specific test method, or, by different test methods that purport to measure the same property, will not usually give exactly the same result. It is, therefore, necessary to take proper account of this fact, by arriving at statistically based estimates of the precision for a method, i.e. an objective measure of the degree of agreement expected between two or more results obtained in specified circumstances.

This document makes reference to ISO 3534-2[1], which gives a different definition of true value (see 3.23). This document also refers to ISO 5725-2. The latter is required in particular and unusual circumstances (see 5.3.1) for the purpose of estimating precision.

The two parts of ISO 4259 encompass both the derivation of precision estimates and the application of precision data. They combine the information in ASTM D6300[2] regarding the determination of the precision estimates and the information in ASTM D3244[3] for the utilization of test data.

A glossary of the variables used in this document and ISO 4259-2 is included as [Annex I](#) in this document.

# Petroleum and related products — Precision of measurement methods and results —

## Part 1:

# Determination of precision data in relation to methods of test

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the methodology for the design of an Interlaboratory Study (ILS) and calculation of precision estimates of a test method specified by the study. In particular, it defines the relevant statistical terms ([Clause 3](#)), the procedures to be adopted in the planning of ILS to determine the precision of a test method ([Clause 4](#)), and the method of calculating the precision from the results of such a study ([Clauses 5 and 6](#)).

The procedures in this document have been designed specifically for petroleum and petroleum related products, which are normally considered as homogeneous. However, the procedures described in this document can also be applied to other types of homogeneous products. Careful investigations are necessary before applying this document to products for which the assumption of homogeneity can be questioned.

## 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 5725-2, *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results — Part 2: Basic method for the determination of repeatability and reproducibility of a standard measurement method*

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### 3.1

#### analysis of variance

##### ANOVA

technique that enables the total variance of a method to be broken down into its component factors

### 3.2

#### accepted reference value

##### ARV

agreed-upon reference value for a specific property of a material determined using an accepted reference method and protocol, e.g. derived from an ILS

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