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Foreword

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Introduction

The elements chlorine, sodium and potassium are to a larger or a smaller extent present in solid biofuels. They can contribute significantly to utilisation problems such as corrosion, fouling and slagging in furnaces. Also they affect the gaseous emissions from the thermal processes.

The chlorine content in solid biofuels is mainly present as water soluble inorganic salts as e.g. sodium and potassium chlorides or other ion-exchangeable forms. Determination of the water soluble chloride content is thus an alternative and simple method to achieve information of the level of chlorine in solid biofuels. The content of water soluble chloride shall however not be mistaken for the total content of chlorine in the fuels.

In solid biofuels sodium and potassium can be present as both minerals and salts. The latter forms of the elements are extractable with water and are readily volatile. By determination of the water soluble content of sodium and potassium an estimate of the aggressive content of the elements in relation to potential slagging and fouling problems can be achieved. For some biofuels, as e.g. straw, it is an experience that the water soluble content of sodium and potassium correspond to the total content of the elements. The content of water soluble sodium and potassium shall not be mistaken for the total content of the elements.

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