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Foreword

This document (EN 14939:2006) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 133 “Copper and copper alloys”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a flame atomic absorption spectrometric method (FAAS) for the determination of the beryllium content of copper and copper alloys in the form of unwrought, wrought and cast products.

The method is applicable to products having beryllium mass fractions between 0,01 % and 3,0 %.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 1811-1, *Copper and copper alloys — Selection and preparation of samples for chemical analysis — Part 1: Sampling of cast unwrought products*

ISO 1811-2, *Copper and copper alloys — Selection and preparation of samples for chemical analysis — Part 2: Sampling of wrought products and castings*

NOTE Informative references to documents used in the preparation of this standard, and cited at the appropriate places in the text, are listed in the Bibliography.

3 Principle

Dissolution of a test portion in hydrochloric/nitric acid mixture followed, after suitable dilution, by aspiration into a nitrous oxide/acetylene flame of an atomic absorption spectrometer. Measurement of the absorption of the 234,8 nm line emitted by a beryllium hollow-cathode lamp.

4 Reagents and materials

WARNING — Beryllium is an extremely poisonous metal and the inhalation of dust can cause cancer.

4.1 General

During the analysis, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity.

4.2 Hydrochloric acid, HCl (ρ = 1,19 g/ml).

4.3 Hydrochloric acid solution, 1 + 1

Dilute 1 000 ml of hydrochloric acid (4.2) in 1 000 ml of water.

4.4 Nitric acid, HNO_3 (ρ = 1,40 g/ml).

4.5 Nitric acid solution, 1 + 1

Dilute 1 000 ml of nitric acid (4.4) in 1 000 ml of water.