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Foreword

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Introduction

Instrumental methods for the analysis of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen are now in widespread and in regular use, often in preference to formerly developed chemical methods for which International Standards exist.

The reliable determination of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen is important for quality control and the results can be used as input parameters for calculations applied to the combustion of solid biofuels. The environmental importance of the nitrogen content is linked to emissions of NO_x (formation of fuel NO_x). Hydrogen content is important for calculation of the net calorific value. Carbon content is required for the determination of CO_2 -emissions.

It is recognized that the Kjeldahl method is most reliable for determining nitrogen contents with a concentration lower than 0,1 %. Possible suitable methods are summarized in the bibliography.

Solid biofuels — Determination of total content of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen

1 Scope

This International Standard describes a method for the determination of total carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen contents in solid biofuels.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 16559, *Solid biofuels — Terminology, definitions and descriptions*

ISO 14780¹⁾, *Solid Biofuels — Sample preparation*

ISO 16993, *Solid biofuels — Conversion of analytical results from one basis to another*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document the terms and definitions given in ISO 16559 and the following apply.

3.1

reference material

RM

material or substance one or more of whose property values are sufficiently homogeneous and well established to be used for the calibration of an apparatus, the assessment of a measurement method, or for assigning values to materials

3.2

certified reference material

CRM

reference material, accompanied by a certificate, one or more of whose property values are certified by a procedure which establishes traceability to an accurate realisation of the unit in which the property values are expressed, and for which each certified value is accompanied by an uncertainty at a stated level of confidence

3.3

NIST standard reference material

SRM

CRM issued by NIST that also meets additional NIST-specific certification criteria and is issued with a certificate or certificate of analysis that reports the results of its characterisations and provides information regarding the appropriate use(s) of the material

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