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EN 13205-2:2014 (E)**Foreword**

This document (EN 13205-2:2014) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 137 "Assessment of workplace exposure to chemical and biological agents", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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This document together with EN 13205-1, CEN/TR 13205-3, EN 13205-4, EN 13205-5 and EN 13205-6 supersedes EN 13205:2001.

EN 13205, *Workplace exposure — Assessment of sampler performance for measurement of airborne particle concentrations*, consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: General requirements;*
- *Part 2: Laboratory performance test based on determination of sampling efficiency* (the present document);
- *Part 3: Analysis of sampling efficiency data* [Technical Report];
- *Part 4: Laboratory performance test based on comparison of concentrations;*
- *Part 5: Aerosol sampler performance test and sampler comparison carried out at workplaces;*
- *Part 6: Transport and handling tests.*

Significant technical changes from the previous edition, EN 13205:2001:

- This part of EN 13205 is based on Annex A of the previous edition, EN 13205:2001.
- The scope has been limited to aerosol samplers, and the current version of the standard is not (directly) applicable to other types of aerosol instruments.
- As this is now a standard in its own right, a clause on symbols used has been added. Almost all definitions are now given either in EN 1540, *Workplace exposure — Terminology* or in Part 1 of this standard.
- The method of calculating the uncertainty of a sampler or a measuring procedure has been revised in order to comply with ENV 13005. The concept of "accuracy" is no longer used, instead the concept of "expanded uncertainty" is used.
- The five major sources of uncertainty due to aspects of the sampling performance of an aerosol sampler (calibration of sampler test system, estimation of sampled concentration, bias relative to the sampling convention, individual sampler variability and excursion from nominal flow rate) are described with equations on how to incorporate these uncertainties into the expanded uncertainty of a sampler. CEN/TR 13205-3 gives recommendations how these entities may be calculated from measured sampling efficiency data.
- The list of the particle size distributions (per sampling convention) to be used for the evaluation of sampler performance has been restricted at the lower end to reflect that particles with an aerodynamic

diameter less than 0,5 μm are not sampled due to aerodynamic forces. In the current version, an additional requirement on the size distributions is that at least 84 % of the aerosol mass consists of particles exceeding 0,5 μm .

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Introduction

EN 481 defines sampling conventions for the particle size fractions to be collected from workplace atmospheres in order to assess their impact on human health. Conventions are defined for the inhalable, thoracic and respirable aerosol fractions. These conventions represent target specifications for aerosol samplers, giving the ideal sampling efficiency as a function of particle aerodynamic diameter.

In general, the sampling efficiency of real aerosol samplers will deviate from the target specification, and the aerosol mass collected will therefore differ from that which an ideal sampler would collect. In addition, the behaviour of real samplers is influenced by many factors such as external wind speed. In many cases there is an interaction between the influence factors and fraction of the airborne particle size distribution of the environment in which the sampler is used.

EN 13205 (all parts) enables manufacturers and users of aerosol samplers to adopt a consistent approach to sampler validation, and provide a framework for the assessment of sampler performance with respect to EN 481 and EN 482.

It is the responsibility of the manufacturer of aerosol samplers to inform the user of the sampler performance under the laboratory conditions¹⁾ specified in this part of EN 13205. It is the responsibility of the user to ensure the actual conditions of intended use are within what the manufacturer specifies as acceptable conditions according to the performance test.

1) The inhalable convention is undefined for particle sizes in excess of 100 µm or for wind speeds greater than 4 m/s. The tests required to assess performance are therefore limited to these conditions. If such large particle sizes or wind speeds actually existed at the time of sampling, it is possible that different samplers meeting this document give different results.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a laboratory performance test for samplers for the inhalable, thoracic and respirable aerosol fractions, based on determining the sampling efficiency curve of a candidate sampler at a minimum of nine particle sizes. It specifies methods for testing aerosol samplers under prescribed laboratory conditions in order to test whether the performance of a candidate sampler fulfils the requirements of EN 13205-1:2014.

This part of EN 13205 is applicable to all samplers used for the health-related sampling of particles in workplace air.

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.

EN 1540, *Workplace exposure — Terminology*

EN 13205-1:2014, *Workplace exposure — Assessment of sampler performance for measurement of airborne particle concentrations — Part 1: General requirements*

CEN/TR 13205-3:2014, *Workplace exposure — Assessment of sampler performance for measurement of airborne particle concentrations — Part 3: Analysis of sampling efficiency data*

EN 13205-5:2014, *Workplace exposure — Assessment of sampler performance for measurement of airborne particle concentrations — Part 5: Aerosol sampler performance test and sampler comparison carried out at workplaces*

EN ISO 13137, *Workplace atmospheres — Pumps for personal sampling of chemical and biological agents - Requirements and test methods (ISO 13137)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1540, EN 13205-1:2014 and the following apply.

NOTE With regard to EN 1540, in particular, the following terms are used in this document: total airborne particles, respirable fraction, sampling efficiency, static sampler, thoracic fraction, inhalable fraction, measuring procedure, non-random uncertainty, random uncertainty, expanded uncertainty, standard uncertainty, combined standard uncertainty, uncertainty (of measurement), coverage factor and precision.

3.1

relative concentration

concentration expressed as a fraction of the total airborne concentration

3.2

total airborne particle concentration

concentration of aerosol particles present in the air before the particles are affected by the presence of the sampler, or in the case of a personal sampler by the presence of the person wearing the sampler

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