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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 126, *Tobacco and tobacco products*.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 4387:2000), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendments ISO 4387:2000/Amd.1:2008 and ISO 4387:2000/Amd.2:2017.

The main change compared to the previous edition is as follows:

- in [7.6.4](#), smoking and collection of particular matter has been modified by moving wording from ISO 8454 into ISO 4387.

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## Introduction

Cigarettes are manufactured to close tolerances using strict quality control procedures. However, all the constituents involved in the manufacture (such as tobacco, cigarette paper, tipping, etc.) are derived from natural products and this result in a final product which is intrinsically variable. The complexity does not end here because the cigarette is converted during smoking to cigarette smoke.

Cigarette smoke is a complex mixture consisting of many individual chemical constituents. These compounds exist as gases, vapours and condensed aerosol particles. Additionally, various ageing processes, together with diffusional and intersolubility effects, start occurring immediately after the formation of the smoke which further complicates its composition.

The quantitative measurement of nicotine-free dry particulate matter (NFDPM, sometimes referred to as "tar") is, therefore, dependent on its arbitrary definition.

From the time that scientists have attempted to determine a value for NFDPM, a number of methods have been used. However, experience has shown some procedures to be more reliable and, with these factors in mind, during 1988 and 1989, collaborative studies by Task Forces composed of members of the Cooperation Centre for Scientific Research Relative to Tobacco (CORESTA) Smoke and Technology groups have been made on the repeatability and reproducibility of the determination of total and dry particulate matter from cigarettes.

The studies show that improvements in repeatability and reproducibility result when some restrictions are placed on the wide variety of methods and practices permitted by existing standard methods. Thus, this document, and the others which together form a complete set for the sampling, conditioning and determination of nicotine, water and particulate matter from cigarettes, have been produced after much cooperation and collaborative experimentation by many laboratories in many countries.

CORESTA first published an International Standard for the machine smoking of cigarettes in 1968, and since that time many improvements in equipment as well as in procedure have been suggested.

This document incorporates these improvements and consequently represents the state of the art on this subject and provides one set of procedures accepted as reference methods.

This method is a machine method and allows cigarettes to be smoked using a strictly controlled set of parameters. Thus, it enables the NFDPM and nicotine from cigarettes, when smoked by this procedure, to be compared and ranked on the basis of machine yield.

No machine smoking regime can represent all human smoking behaviours.

- It is recommended that cigarettes also be tested under conditions of a different intensity of machine smoking than those specified in this document.
- Machine smoking testing is useful to characterize cigarette emissions for design and regulatory purposes, but communication of machine measurements to smokers can result in misunderstandings about differences in exposure and risk across brands.
- Smoke emission data from machine measurements may be used as inputs for product hazard assessment, but they are not intended to be nor are they valid as measures of human exposure or risks. Communicating differences between products in machine measurements as differences in exposure or risk is a misuse of testing using ISO standards.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies methods for the determination of total particulate matter and for the subsequent determination of nicotine-free dry particulate matter present in the smoke from cigarettes generated and collected using a routine analytical smoking machine.

## 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 2971, *Cigarettes and filter rods — Determination of nominal diameter — Method using a non-contact optical measuring apparatus*

ISO 3308, *Routine analytical cigarette-smoking machine — Definitions and standard conditions*

ISO 3402, *Tobacco and tobacco products — Atmosphere for conditioning and testing*

ISO 6488, *Tobacco and tobacco products — Determination of water content — Karl Fischer method*

ISO 6565, *Tobacco and tobacco products — Draw resistance of cigarettes and pressure drop of filter rods — Standard conditions and measurement*

ISO 8243, *Cigarettes — Sampling*

ISO 10315, *Cigarettes — Determination of nicotine in smoke condensates — Gas-chromatographic method*

ISO 10362-1, *Cigarettes — Determination of water in smoke condensates — Part 1: Gas-chromatographic method*

ISO 16055, *Tobacco and tobacco products — Monitor test piece — Requirements and use*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

**total particulate matter  
crude smoke condensate  
TPM**

portion of the mainstream smoke which is trapped in the smoke trap

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed as milligrams per cigarette.