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Part 1:

### **Determination of fume emission rate during arc welding and collection of fume for analysis**

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 15011-1:2002), which has been technically revised.

ISO 15011 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Health and safety in welding and allied processes — Laboratory method for sampling fume and gases*:

- *Part 1: Determination of fume emission rate during arc welding and collection of fume for analysis*
- *Part 2: Determination of the emission rates of carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen monoxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) during arc welding, cutting and gouging*
- *Part 3: Determination of ozone emission rate during arc welding*
- *Part 4: Fume data sheets*
- *Part 5: Identification of thermal-degradation products generated when welding or cutting through products composed wholly or partly of organic materials*

The following part is under preparation:

- *Part 6: Procedure for quantitative determination of fume and gases from resistance spot welding*  
[Technical Specification]

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## Introduction

Welding and allied processes generate fume and gases, which, if inhaled, can be harmful to human health. Knowledge of the composition and the emission rate of the fume and gases can be useful to occupational health professionals in assessing worker exposure and in determining appropriate control measures.

Absolute exposure is dependent upon factors such as welder position with respect to the plume and draughts and cannot be predicted from emission rate data. However, in the same work situation, a higher emission rate is expected to correlate with a higher exposure and a lower emission rate with a lower exposure. Hence, emission rate data can be used to predict relative changes in exposure that might occur in the workplace under different welding conditions and to identify measures for reducing such exposure, but they cannot be used to calculate ventilation requirements.

This part of ISO 15011 specifies a method for measuring fume emission rate and for collecting fume for subsequent analysis. The procedure simply prescribes a methodology, leaving selection of the test parameters to the user, so that the effects of different variables can be evaluated.

Emission rates vary considerably depending upon the exact test conditions; therefore, test parameters are prescribed in ISO 15011-4 for the generation of fume emission rate data, which can be used for comparing emission rates of welding consumables.

It is assumed that the executions of the provisions and the interpretation of the results obtained in this part of ISO 15011 are entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced people.