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Part 1: Sampling

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Partie 1: Échantillonnage



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Foreword

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ISO 15592 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Fine-cut tobacco and smoking articles made from it — Methods of sampling, conditioning and analysis*:

- Part 1: Sampling
- Part 2: Atmosphere for conditioning and testing
- Part 3: Determination of total particulate matter of smoking articles using a routine analytical smoking machine, preparation for the determination of water and nicotine and calculation of nicotine-free dry particulate matter
- Part 4: Classification of wrappers
- Part 5: Fine-cut tobacco to be used with specified wrappers
- Part 6: Effect of incorporation of loose filters

Annexes A and B form a normative part of this part of ISO 15592. Annex C is for information only.

Introduction

When this part of ISO 15592 was prepared there were no existing national standards, rules, regulations or laws which had to be taken into account. However, experience with manufactured cigarettes suggests that two different procedures are required, as follows:

- sampling at the point of sale;
- sampling at the producer's premises or importer's and distributor's warehouses.

The principle underlying all sampling procedures is to produce a sample representative of the whole. With manufactured cigarettes it is possible to sample from a number of sources and mix the sample before sub-sampling to produce a sample for testing. With fine-cut tobacco, this is not possible since mixing of the tobacco with very long, fine strands is ineffective and results in the degradation of the tobacco. Thus, if the analysis is to be performed on smoking articles made from tobacco, it is necessary to make smoking articles from all samples and then to mix the fine-cut smoking articles before sub-sampling. This may require sampling a large quantity of tobacco, and making a large number of smoking articles.

Sophisticated sampling plans are often too expensive to be used. The two procedures in this part of ISO 15592 are both simple and reliable.

Sampling is carried out either as a single procedure or as part of a series of samplings.

Sampling is carried out "at one point in time", for example tobacco available for distribution from a factory/warehouse or available at a retail outlet on the market on a particular day. When a sample is required which represents fine-cut tobacco available over an appreciable period of time (e.g. fine-cut tobacco representing several months' production) a number of sub-period samples will be taken at different times and the test results combined.

The sampling plan depends upon the purpose of sampling (e.g. determination of physical properties or of smoke constituents). Further background considerations on the choice of sampling procedures are given in an informative annex C. It concludes that determinations of smoke yield should be made on the population manufactured for sale, sampled at manufacturers' factories or importers' warehouses.

Annex A (normative) establishes procedures for sampling fine-cut tobacco which is intended to be made into finecut smoking articles for the determination of the mean values of total and nicotine-free dry particulate matter. Detailed sampling plans are given.

Annex B (normative) establishes methods for sampling fine-cut tobacco which are intended for the determination of the mean values of parameters of fine-cut tobacco itself or the determination of mean values of parameters of fine-cut smoking articles made from the fine-cut tobacco.