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apparente et de l'absorption d'eau du fer briqueté à chaud*



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- to homogenize its structure and wording with other physical test standards;
- to contemplate the outcomes of the studies on mass definition.

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Introduction

This test method has been developed to determine the apparent density and water absorption of direct reduced iron in the form of hot briquetted iron (HBI).

Results of this test have to be considered in conjunction with other tests used to evaluate the quality of products from direct reduction processes.

This International Standard can be used to provide test results as part of a production quality control system, as a basis of a contract or as part of a research project.

The apparent density measured in this test can be used to certify that the HBI meets the apparent density requirements of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Code of Safe Practice for Solid Bulk Cargoes.