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Netherlands

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## 1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies a method of measuring the colour in Hazen units of liquid chemical products.

It is applicable only to clear, slightly coloured liquids for which the colour characteristics are close to those of the reference platinum-cobalt scale. Such colour characteristics are generally describable as "brownish-yellow".

This method is applicable whenever specified by an ISO Recommendation or International Standard relating to a given product.

## 2 PRINCIPLE

Visual comparison of the colour of a sample with that of colour standards, and expression of the result in terms of Hazen (platinum-cobalt) colour units.

For routine control purposes an instrument such as a comparator, colorimeter or spectrophotometer may be used, provided that it has first been established that the results so obtained are identical with those obtained by visual comparison.

## 3 DEFINITION

**Hazen colour unit:** The colour of a solution containing 1 mg of platinum per litre in the form of chloroplatinic acid, in the presence of 2 mg of cobalt(II) chloride hexahydrate per litre.

## 4 REAGENTS

Distilled water, or water of equivalent purity, shall be used in the test.

**4.1 Cobalt(II) chloride hexahydrate** ( $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ).

**4.2 Hydrochloric acid**,  $\rho$  approximately 1,19 g/ml, about 38 % (m/m) solution, or approximately 12 N solution.

**4.3 Chloroplatinic acid**

Dissolve 1,00 g of platinum in a sufficient quantity of aqua regia in a glass or porcelain dish by heating on a boiling-water bath. When the metal has dissolved, evaporate the solution to dryness. Add 4 ml of the hydrochloric acid

solution (4.2) and again evaporate to dryness. Repeat this operation twice more. In this way 2,10 g of chloroplatinic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_6$ ) are obtained.

or

**4.4 Potassium chloroplatinate** ( $\text{K}_2\text{PtCl}_6$ ).

## 5 APPARATUS

Ordinary laboratory apparatus and

**5.1 Two colorimetric tubes**, flat based if possible, with a graduation mark at least 100 mm above the base and matched especially with respect to colour of glass and height of graduation mark above the base. Suitable tubes are available commercially as 50 ml or 100 ml Nessler cylinders.

For the measurement of low colorations (less than 50 Hazen units), the height of the graduation mark above the base must be greater than for the measurement of deeper colours and must be sufficient that, on looking through this greater depth of liquid, a clear distinction between the standard Hazen matching solutions can be observed.

## 6 PREPARATION OF STANDARD COLORIMETRIC SOLUTIONS

**6.1 Standard colorimetric solution**, 500 Hazen units.

Dissolve 2,00 g of the cobalt chloride (4.1) and the equivalent of 1,00 g of platinum, i.e. either

- 2,10 g of the chloroplatinic acid (4.3), or
- 2,49 g of the potassium chloroplatinate (4.4),

in water in a 2000 ml one-mark volumetric flask, add 200 ml of the hydrochloric acid solution (4.2), dilute to the mark and mix.

This solution has a colour of 500 Hazen colour units.