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— Méthode par séchage à l'étuve*



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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- precision data (previously in [Clause 11](#)) have been moved to [Annex A](#);
- editorial changes have been made for clarification and removal of inconsistencies.

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Introduction

The determination of dry matter content and moisture content are carried out for different purposes.

ISO 638 is used in cases where the dry matter content is needed to calculate the result of chemical analysis or physical testing and when the determination of the moisture content of a sample, rather than a lot, is required. As an example, the dry matter content of the sample is needed to express the content of elements, such as cadmium and manganese, in relation to the oven-dry mass of the sample.

This document is used for the purpose of determining the average moisture content and the variation in moisture content (maximum and minimum values) of a lot. In the paper and board trade, the moisture content is important since it influences converting processes, such as printing and copying. The moisture content also has an influence on curl and dimensional stability.