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## Foreword

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## Introduction

Moisture is an important parameter in respect of coal quality.

The moisture content of coal is not an absolute value and conditions for its determination have to be standardized. It is expected that the results given by the different methods specified here should be comparable within the limits of the tolerance quoted.

It is always necessary that the determination of the total moisture content of hard coals be considered in close connection with sampling. Therefore, this International Standard has been prepared in close relationship with the ISO standards for mechanical sampling ISO 13909 (all parts) and manual sampling ISO 18283.

A major problem with the preparation of test samples for the determination of moisture is the risk of bias due to inadvertent loss of moisture. This is dependent on the tightness of the sealing of sampling containers, the level of moisture content in the sample, the ambient conditions, the type of coal and the reduction and division procedures used. This is described in detail in ISO 13909-4 or ISO 18283.

Depending on the mass, the nominal top size and the facilities available where samples are taken, it is possible to dry the sample directly after sampling (air-drying), then to reduce the particle size and prepare a test sample for determination of moisture in the air-dried sample. Alternatively, the whole sample may be transported to the laboratory and the total moisture determined.