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A review of this Technical Specification will be carried out not later than 3 years after its publication with the options of: extension for another 3 years; conversion into an International Standard; or withdrawal.

Introduction

The determination of metallic iron has in the past been carried out by a method using bromine-methanol (ISO 5416). Due to the undesirability of using bromine, a method using iron(III) chloride has been developed. This method is also more likely than ISO 5416 to determine all relevant metallic iron.

As insufficient participants took part in the inter-laboratory test programme conducted to derive precision values for this method, the method cannot be used for referee purposes.