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Introduction

Dustiness measurement and characterization provide users (e.g. manufacturers, producers, occupational hygienists and workers) with information on the potential for dust emissions when the bulk material is handled or processed in workplaces. They provide the manufacturers of bulk materials containing NOAA with information that can help to improve their products and reduce their dustiness. It allows the users of the bulk materials containing NOAA to assess the controls and precautions required for handling and working with the material and the effects of pre-treatment (e.g. modify surface properties or chemistry). It also allows the users to select less dusty products, if available. The particle size distribution of the aerosol and the morphology and chemical composition of its particles can be used by occupational hygienists, scientists and regulators to further characterize the aerosol in terms of particle size distribution and chemical composition and to thus aid users to evaluate and control the health risk of airborne dust.

This document gives details on the design and operation of the small rotating drum method that can be used to measure the dustiness of bulk materials that contain or release respirable NOAA or other respirable particles in terms of dustiness indices or emission rates. Dustiness indices as well as particle emission rates can be mass-based of the health-related respirable dustiness mass fraction using a cyclone for the respirable dust fraction and by number using real-time sampling of particle number concentrations. The particle size distribution of the released aerosol is measured using direct-reading aerosol instruments. The released dust particles can be further sampled and characterized for, e.g. physical size distribution, morphology and chemical composition by off-line analysis (as required).This test uses the same dust generation principle as EN 15051-2 and EN 17199-2 [1], but the rotating drum volume and diameter is smaller and the sampling design different, which allows testing of small sample volumes and simultaneous sampling of all realtime data and dust for off-line analysis.

The small rotating drum method has been designed to simulate workplace scenarios and to represent general bulk material handling processes, including processes where bulk material is tipped, poured, mixed, scooped, dropped or similar, either mechanically or by hand.

The small rotating drum method presented here differs from the rotating drum, continuous drop and the vortex shaker methods presented in EN 17199-2 [1], EN 17199-3 [2] and EN 17199-5 [3] respectively. The rotating drum and small rotating drum methods perform, both, repeated pouring or agitation of a bulk material. The continuous drop method simulates continuous feed of a bulk material while the vortex shaker method simulates vigorous agitation of a bulk material.

This document was developed based on results in scientific literature [4,5,6,7] and pre-normative research [8]. The pre-normative research project investigated the dustiness of ten bulk materials (including nine bulk nanomaterials) with the intention to test as wide a range of bulk materials as possible in terms of magnitude of dustiness, chemical composition and primary particle size distribution as indicated by a large range in specific surface area.

Subsequently, the sampling line was optimized to improve dust transmission in the system and make the sampling closer to the efficiency in the prototype by [4] and EN 15051-2 [9].

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1 Scope

This document describes the methodology for measuring and characterizing the dustiness of bulk materials that contain or release respirable NOAA or other respirable particles, under standard and reproducible conditions and specifies for that purpose the small rotating drum method.

This document specifies the selection of instruments and devices and the procedures for calculating and presenting the results. It also gives guidelines on the evaluation and reporting of the data.

The methodology described in this document enables

a) the measurement of the respirable dustiness mass fraction,

b) the measurement of the number-based dustiness index of respirable particles in the particle size range from about 10 nm to about 1 µm,

c) the measurement of the initial number-based emission rate and the time to reach 50 % of the total particle number released during testing,

d) the measurement of the number-based particle size distribution of the released aerosol in the particle size range from about 10 nm to about 10 µm,

e) the collection of released airborne particles in the respirable dustiness mass fraction for subsequent observations and analysis by analytical electron microscopy.

NOTE 1 The particle size range described above is based on the equipment used during the pre-normative research [8].

This document is applicable to the testing of a wide range of bulk materials including powders, granules or pellets containing or releasing respirable NOAA or other respirable particles in either unbound, bound uncoated and coated forms.

NOTE 2 Currently no number-based classification scheme in terms of particle number and emission rate has been established for powder dustiness. Eventually, when a large number of measurement data has been obtained, the intention is to revise the document and to introduce such a classification scheme, if applicable.

NOTE 3 The small rotating drum method has been applied to test the dustiness of a range of materials including nanoparticle oxides, nanoflakes, organoclays, clays, carbon black, graphite, carbon nanotubes, organic pigments, and pharmaceutical active ingredients. The method has thereby been proven to enable testing of a many different materials that can contain nanomaterials as the main component.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

CEN ISO/TS 80004-2, *Nanotechnologies - Vocabulary - Part 2: Nano-objects (ISO/TS 80004-2)*

EN 481, *Workplace atmospheres - Size fraction definitions for measurement of airborne particles*

EN 1540, *Workplace exposure - Terminology*

EN 13205-2, *Workplace exposure - Assessment of sampler performance for measurement of airborne particle concentrations - Part 2: Laboratory performance test based on determination of sampling efficiency*

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EN 15051-1, *Workplace exposure - Measurement of the dustiness of bulk materials - Part 1: Requirements and choice of test methods*

EN 16897, *Workplace exposure - Characterization of ultrafine aerosols/nanoaerosols - Determination of number concentration using condensation particle counters*

EN 17199-1, *Workplace exposure - Measurement of dustiness of bulk materials that contain or release respirable NOAA or other respirable particles - Part 1: Requirements and choice of test methods*

ISO 15767, *Workplace atmospheres - Controlling and characterizing uncertainty in weighing collected aerosols*

ISO 27891, *Aerosol particle number concentration - Calibration of condensation particle counters*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1540, EN 15051-1, CEN ISO/TS 80004-2 and EN 17199-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

4 Symbols and abbreviations

CPC	Condensation Particle Counter
d_{50}	A lower particle size at which the counting or sampling efficiency is 50 %
ELPI®[1)]	Electrical Low Pressure Impactor
EM	Electron Microscopy
FTIR	Fourier Transform Infra-Red Spectroscopy
GC	Gas Chromatography
HEPA	High Efficiency Particulate Arrestance
HPLC	High Performance Liquid Chromatography
ICP	Inductive Coupled Plasma
ID	Inner Diameter
LOQ	Limit Of Quantification
MS	Mass Spectrometry
NOAA	Nano-objects, and their aggregates and agglomerates > 100 nm

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