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INTRODUCTION

The widespread use of electrotechnical products has drawn increased attention to their impact on the environment. In many countries, this has resulted in the adoption of regulations affecting wastes, substances, and energy use of electrotechnical products.

The use of certain substances (e.g. lead (Pb), cadmium (Cd), and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs)) in electrotechnical products is a source of concern in current and proposed regional legislation.

The purpose of the IEC 62321 series is therefore to provide test methods that will allow the electrotechnical industry to determine the levels of certain substances of concern in electrotechnical products on a consistent global basis.

This first edition of IEC 62321-11 introduces a new subject covering tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TCEP) in the IEC 62321 series.

TCEP is a halogenated phosphorus-based flame retardant that is disclosable as a substance of very high concern (SVHC) as it is classified as toxic to reproduction category 2 (R60) and was included in the candidate list for authorization on 13 January 2010, following ECHA's decision ED/68/2009 [1][1] and in regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 ANNEX XVI [2].

TCEP is used as a flame retardant in plastics such as polyester and polyurethane foam and as a plasticizer in polyvinyl chloride. Additionally, TCEP is used as an alternative for brominated flame retardants that have been restricted. No applicable testing standard exists for TCEP analysis in plastics.

As a result, analysis criteria have been established by an IEC TC 111 and ISO/TC 61/SC 5 joint working group for the joint development of an IEC and ISO double logo International Standard, to provide a test method that will allow the industry to determine the concentrations of TCEP in plastics.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62321 specifies two different techniques for the determination of tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TCEP) in plastics, the GC-MS or LC-MS method, both of which are applicable to quantitative analysis.

These two techniques are applicable to use with polyurethane, polyvinylchloride, and polyethylene materials containing TCEP between 200 mg/kg to 2 000 mg/kg.

These test methods do not apply to plastic materials having a processing temperature higher than 230 °C.

GC-MS using a pyrolyser/thermal desorption accessory (Py/TD-GC-MS) technique is described in Annex A and can be used for the screening of TCEP in plastics.

NOTE TCEP starts thermal decomposition at approximately 230 °C. Polymer types that have a processing temperature into shapes of plastics (e.g. pellets, moulded parts or sheets) not exceeding the decomposition temperature can contain TCEP.

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3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

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3.1.1
screening
analytical procedure to determine the presence or absence of substances in the representative part or section of a product, relative to the value or values chosen as the criterion for presence, absence, or further testing

Note 1 to entry: If the screening method produces values that are not conclusive, then additional analysis or other follow-up actions can be necessary to make a final presence or absence decision.

3.1.2
plastic
material that contains as an essential ingredient a high polymer and which, at some stage in its processing into finished products, can be shaped by flow

Note 1 to entry: Elastomeric materials, which are also shaped by flow, are not considered to be plastics.

Note 2 to entry: In some countries, particularly the United Kingdom, the term "plastics" is used as the singular form as well as the plural form.

[SOURCE: ISO 472:2013 [3], 2.702]

3.1.3
polymer
substance composed of molecules characterized by the multiple repetition of one or more species of atoms or groups of atoms (constitutional units) linked to each other in amounts sufficient to provide a set of properties that do not vary markedly with the addition or removal of one or a few of the constitutional units

[SOURCE: ISO 1382:2020 [4], 3.369]

3.1.4
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test that follows the same procedures and conditions as the sample test without a sample, which enables quantification of the contamination in the test

3.2 Abbreviated terms

ACN	acetonitrile
API-ES	atmospheric pressure ionization-electrostatic
BSA	N,O-bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide
BSTFA	N,O-bis(trimethylsilyl)trifluoroacetamide
CCC	continuing calibration check standard
D	dilution factor
DEHP	di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate
DMDCS	dimethyldichlorosilane
EI	electron ionization
GC-MS	gas chromatography-mass spectrometry
HPLC	high-performance liquid chromatography
ID	internal diameter
IIS	international interlaboratory study
IS	internal standard
LC-MS	liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry
LOD	limit of detection
MDL	method detection limit

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MS	mass spectrometry
PBB	polybrominated biphenyl
PBDE	polybrominated diphenyl ether
PE	polyethylene
PS	polystyrene
PTFE	polytetrafluoroethylene
PUR	polyurethane
PVC	polyvinyl chloride
Py/TD-GC-MS	gas chromatography-mass spectrometry using a pyrolyser/thermal desorption accessory
QC	quality control
RF	response factor
RRF	relative response factor
RSD	relative standard deviation
SIM	single (or "selected") ion monitoring
TCEP	tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate
TD	thermal desorption
THF	tetrahydrofuran
TICS	tentatively identified compounds

4 Principle

The samples are dissolved in THF and the matrix polymer is separated by precipitation with methanol, TCEP is determined qualitatively and quantitatively using GC-MS or LC-MS.

5 Reagents and materials

Use chemicals of analytical grade, unless otherwise indicated.

a) TCEP (tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate): CAS No. 115-96-8 (purity of greater than a mass fraction of 98 %);

b) THF (GC grade or higher, higher than 99,9 %);

c) n-Hexane (GC grade or higher, higher than 98,5 %);

d) methanol (GC grade or higher, higher than 99,9 %);

e) mixed solvent (THF mixed with methanol, the volume ratio of THF/methanol is 1/4);

f) helium (purity of greater than a volume fraction of 99,999 %);

g) calibrants; reference materials of TCEP (purity of greater than a mass fraction of 98 %);

h) surrogate and internal standards:

- surrogate standard is used to monitor analytes recovery according to 8.2.2.1 and 8.2.3.1, for example TCEP-d_{12};
- internal standard is used to correct injection errors, according to 8.2.2.1 and 8.2.3.1, for example anthracene-d_{10}.

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