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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 2597-2:2008), which has been technically revised.

ISO 2597 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Iron ores — Determination of total iron content*:

- *Part 1: Titrimetric method after tin(II) chloride reduction*
- *Part 2: Titrimetric methods after titanium(III) chloride reduction*

Iron ores — Determination of total iron content —

Part 2:

Titrimetric methods after titanium(III) chloride reduction

WARNING — This part of ISO 2597 may involve hazardous materials, operations and equipment. This part of ISO 2597 does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this part of ISO 2597 to establish appropriate health and safety practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1 Scope

This part of ISO 2597 specifies a titrimetric method, free from mercury pollution, for the determination of total iron content in iron ores, using potassium dichromate as titrant after reduction of the iron(III) by tin(II) chloride and titanium(III) chloride. The excess reductant is then oxidized by either dilute potassium dichromate.

This method is applicable to a concentration range of 30 % mass fraction to 72 % mass fraction of iron in natural iron ores, iron ore concentrates and agglomerates, including sinter products.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 80000-1:2009, *Quantities and unit — Part 1: General*

ISO 385, *Laboratory glassware — Burettes*

ISO 648, *Laboratory glassware — Single-volume pipettes*

ISO 1042, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks*

ISO 2596, *Iron ores — Determination of hygroscopic moisture in analytical samples — Gravimetric, Karl Fischer and mass-loss methods*

ISO 3082, *Iron ores — Sampling and sample preparation procedures*

3 Principle

3.1 Decomposition of the test portion

3.1.1 Acid decomposition

For samples containing not more than 0,05 % mass fraction of vanadium, the test portion is treated with hydrochloric acid in the presence of tin chloride.

The residue is filtered, ignited and treated with hydrofluoric and sulfuric acids. The mixture is fused with potassium disulfate and the cold melt is dissolved in water more hydrochloric acid and combined with the main iron solution, which is treated with potassium permanganate and evaporated.

3.1.2 Fusion-filtration

For samples containing more than 0,05 % mass fraction of vanadium, the test portion is fused with a mixture of fluxes, the cold melt is leached with water and the precipitate is filtered, washed in sodium hydroxide solution, dissolved in hydrochloric acid and evaporated.

3.2 Titration of iron

The major portion of the iron(III) is reduced by tin(II) chloride and the remainder of the iron(III) is reduced by titanium(III) chloride. The excess reductant is oxidized with either dilute potassium dichromate solution. The reduced iron is titrated with potassium dichromate solution using the sodium diphenylaminesulfonate indicator.

4 Reagents

During the analysis, use only reagents of recognized analytical reagent grade, and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity.

4.1 Hydrochloric acid, ρ 1,16 g/ml to 1,19 g/ml. (Methods 1 and 2).

4.2 Hydrochloric acid, ρ 1,16 g/ml to 1,19 g/ml, diluted 1 + 1. (Methods 1 and 2).

4.3 Hydrochloric acid, ρ 1,16 g/ml to 1,19 g/ml, diluted 1 + 12. (Methods 1 and 2).

4.4 Hydrochloric acid, ρ 1,16 g/ml to 1,19 g/ml, diluted 2 + 100. (Methods 1 and 2).

4.5 Hydrofluoric acid, 40 % mass fraction (ρ 1,13 g/ml) or 48 % mass fraction (ρ 1,19 g/ml). (Methods 1 and 2).

4.6 Sulfuric acid, ρ 1,84 g/ml. (Methods 1 and 2).

4.7 Sulfuric acid, ρ 1,84 g/ml, diluted 1 + 1, carefully pour 1 volume of reagent [4.6](#) into one volume of cold water. (Methods 1 and 2).

4.8 Orthophosphoric acid, ρ 1,7 g/ml. (Methods 1 and 2).

4.9 Perchloric acid, 72 % mass fraction (ρ 1,7 g/ml), diluted 1 + 1. (Method 2).

4.10 Sulfuric acid–orthophosphoric acid mixture, pour 150 ml of orthophosphoric acid ([4.8](#)) into about 400 ml of water while stirring, add 150 ml of sulfuric acid ([4.6](#)), cool in a water bath, dilute with water to 1 l and mix well. (Methods 1 and 2).

4.11 Sodium hydroxide (NaOH), solution, 20 g/l. (Methods 1 and 2).

4.12 Hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂), 30 % by volume solution. (Methods 1 and 2).

4.13 Hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂), 30 % by volume solution, diluted 1 + 9. (Method 1).

4.14 Tin(II) chloride solution, 100 g/l, dissolve 100 g of crystalline tin(II) chloride (SnCl₂·2H₂O) in 200 ml of hydrochloric acid ([4.1](#)) by heating the solution in a water bath. Cool the solution and dilute with water to 1 l. This solution should be stored in a brown glass bottle with a small quantity of granular tin metal. (Methods 1 and 2).