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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the experimental methods to be applied for checking the precision of sampling of aluminium ores, expressed in terms of the standard deviation, being carried out in accordance with the methods prescribed in ISO 8685.

NOTE 1 These methods may also be applied for the purpose of checking the precision of preparation of samples being carried out in accordance with the methods prescribed in ISO 6140.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 10277. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 10277 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 6139:1993, *Aluminium ores — Experimental determination of the heterogeneity of distribution of a lot*.

ISO 6140:1991, *Aluminium ores — Preparation of samples*.

ISO 8685:1992, *Aluminium ores — Sampling procedures*.

3 Symbols

The following symbols are used throughout this International Standard:

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| d_2 | factor to estimate the standard deviation from the range ($d_2 = 1,128$ for a pair of determinations) |
| n | number of increments |
| R_1 | absolute difference between determinations on subsample A and subsample B |
| $\bar{R}_1$ | mean absolute difference between determinations on subsamples A and B for n_s sampling units |
| R_2 | absolute difference between determinations on divided subsamples B ₁ and B ₂ |
| $\bar{R}_2$ | mean absolute difference between determinations on divided subsamples B ₁ and B ₂ for n_s sampling units |
| R_3 | absolute difference between determinations on the same divided subsample B ₂ |

$\bar{R}_3$	mean absolute difference between determinations on the same divided subsample B_2 for n_s sampling units
x	subsample values
$\bar{x}$	mean value of a quality characteristic
x_1	determination on subsample A
x_2	determination on subsample B
x_3	determination on divided subsample B_1
x_4	determination on divided subsample B_2
x_i	value of non-reference member of i th pair
x_{ri}	value of reference member of i th pair
σ_S	standard deviation of sampling
$\hat{\sigma}$	estimated value of σ
$\hat{\sigma}_M$	estimated standard deviation of measurement
$\hat{\sigma}_P$	estimated standard deviation of sample preparation
$\hat{\sigma}_{PM}$	estimated standard deviation of sample preparation and measurement
$\hat{\sigma}_S$	estimated standard deviation of sampling
$\hat{\sigma}_{SPM}$	estimated overall standard deviation of sampling, sample preparation and measurement

4 General conditions

4.1 General

The determination of precision of sampling is based on duplicate sampling from lots. If sample preparation and analysis is also carried out in duplicate, it is possible to determine the errors associated with those parameters in addition to the errors due to sampling.

4.2 Number of lots for the experiment

In order to reach a reliable conclusion, it is recommended that the experiment be carried out on more than 20 lots of the same type of aluminium ore. However, if this is impracticable, at least 10 lots should be covered and each lot shall be divided into

several parts to produce more than 20 parts for the experiment. The experiment shall be carried out on each part, considering each part as a separate lot in accordance with ISO 8685.

4.3 Number of increments and number of gross samples

The minimum number of increments required for the experiment shall be twice the number specified in ISO 8685. Thus, if the number of increments required for the routine sampling is n and one gross sample is constituted, the minimum number of increments required for the experiments shall be $2n$ and two gross samples shall be constituted.

NOTE 2 If this is impracticable, n increments may be taken and divided into two parts, each comprising $n/2$ increments.

4.4 Sample preparation and testing

The preparation of samples shall be in accordance with ISO 6140 and the testing of samples shall be carried out in accordance with the methods prescribed in the relevant International Standards.

4.5 Replication of experiment

It is recommended that, even after a series of experiments has been conducted, the experiments should be repeated at regular intervals and when there is a change in ore quality. The experiment should also be repeated when there is a change in equipment or of ore supplier.

Because of the large amount of work involved in this method, it is recommended that the procedure should be carried out as a part of routine work of sampling and measurement.

5 Experimental

5.1 Duplicate samples

Each alternate primary increment is set aside in order to form gross samples A and B. The number of divided increments per primary increment is the same as that taken for routine sampling. An example of a sampling plan for gross samples A and B is shown in figure 1.

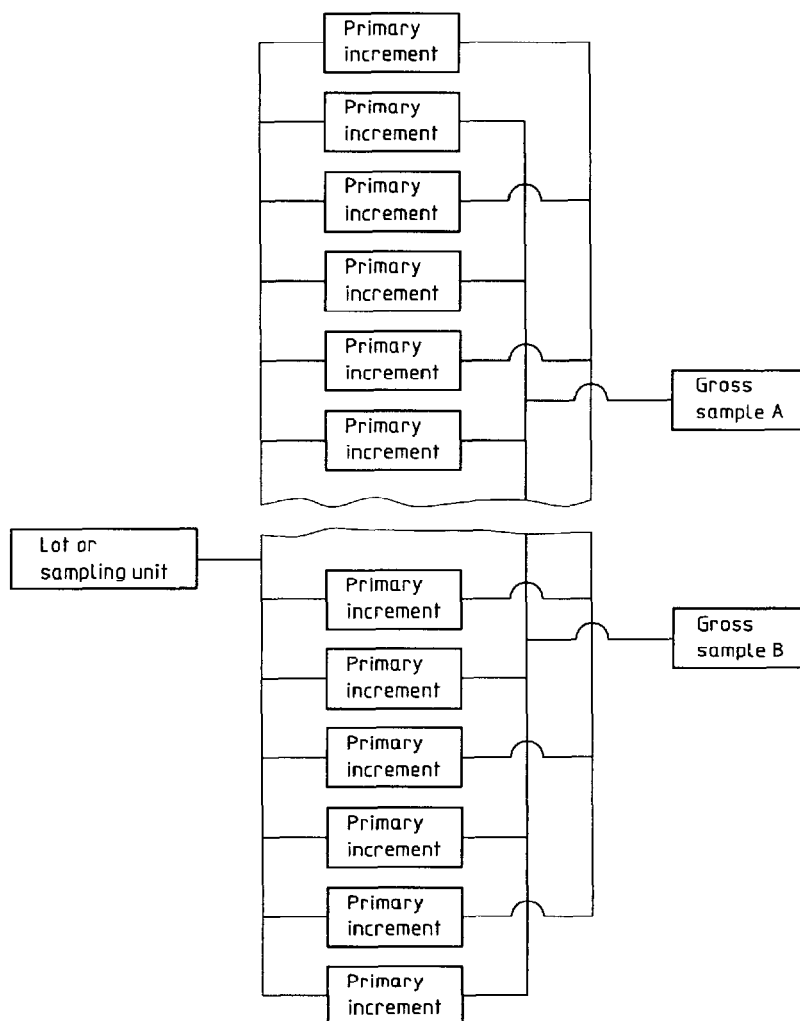


Figure 1 — Example of a plan of duplicate sampling

5.2 Sample division and testing

The two gross samples A and B taken in accordance with 5.1 shall be divided separately and subjected to either type 1, type 2 or type 3 testing as described in 5.2.1, 5.2.2 or 5.2.3 respectively.

5.2.1 Division-testing type 1 (see figure 2)

5.2.1.1 The two gross samples A and B shall be divided separately to prepare two final samples.

5.2.1.2 The four final samples A_1 , A_2 and B_1 , B_2 shall each be tested in duplicate. A total of eight tests shall be run in random order.

NOTE 3 In type 1 testing, the standard deviations of sampling, preparation and measurement are obtained separately.

5.2.2 Division-testing type 2 (see figure 3)

5.2.2.1 The gross sample A shall be divided to prepare two final samples, A_1 and A_2 , and from the gross sample B, one final sample shall be prepared.

5.2.2.2 The final sample A_1 shall be tested in duplicate and the other final samples A_2 and B shall be tested individually.

NOTE 4 In type 2 testing, the standard deviations of sampling, preparation and measurement are obtainable separately. However, the precision for estimating the standard deviations of sampling, preparation and measurement will be lower than that attainable in type 1 testing.

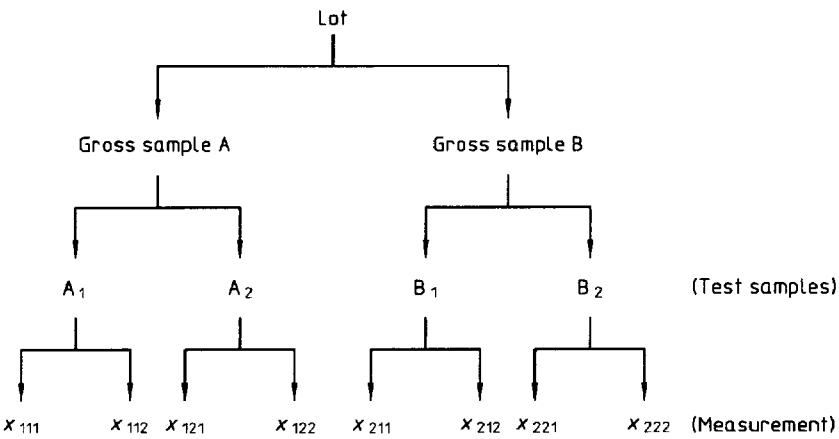


Figure 2 — Flowsheet for division-testing type 1

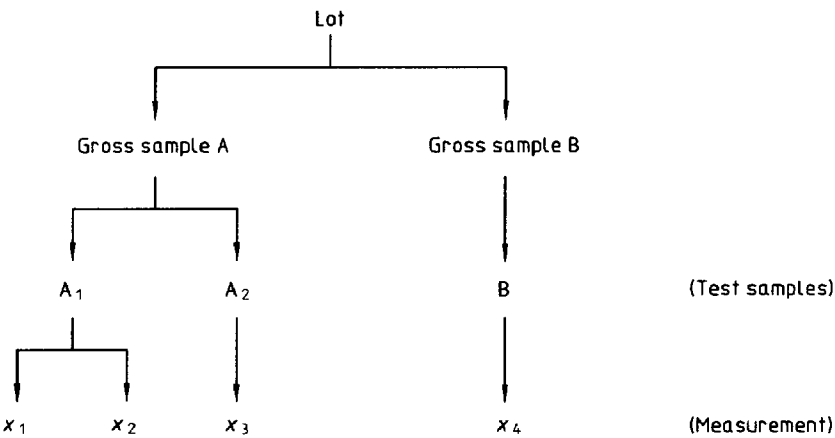


Figure 3 — Flowsheet for division-testing type 2

5.2.3 Division-testing type 3 (see figure 4)

5.2.3.1 From each of the two gross samples A and B, one final sample shall be prepared.

5.2.3.2 The two final samples A and B shall be tested individually.

NOTE 5 In type 3 testing, only the overall standard deviation of sampling, preparation and measurement is obtained.