
Bidis — Determination of total and nicotine-free dry particulate matter using a linear routine analytical smoking machine

Bidis — Détermination de la matière particulaire totale et de la matière particulaire anhydre et exempte de nicotine au moyen d'une machine à fumer analytique de routine





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Introduction

A bidi (also spelt as beedi) is a hand-made smoking article made by rolling the tobacco filler consisting of air-cured, sun-cured and/or other suitable tobacco variety in Tendu (*Diospyrus* spp.) or Ashriti (*Bauhinia* spp.) leaf. The wrapper leaf is a forest product. Bidis are either conical or cylindrical in shape available in various lengths from 55 mm to 90 mm. Nearly 50 % of the weight of a bidi is contributed by the non-tobacco leaf wrapper.

A conical bidi is completely closed at the broad end (lighting end) by folding and tucking in the wrapper while the flattened narrow end (mouth end) is partly closed and is secured with a thread or any other means to prevent unfolding of the wrapper.

A filter bidi will have a filter plug on one end while the lighting end will be completely closed by folding and tucking in the wrapper leaf.

The components of bidis (tobacco filler and non-tobacco wrapping leaf) are natural products which cause intrinsic variability in bidis. The variability is further increased by the way these components are put together to produce a bidi.

Bidis form an important segment of smoking articles on a global level, are consumed in a large number of countries and hence an International Standard on the analysis of bidi smoke is justified.

The method allows bidis to be smoked on a routine analytical linear smoking machine using a strictly controlled set of parameters and collection of total particulate matter from smoke for further analysis. Thus, it enables the determination of nicotine-free dry particulate matter (NFDPM) and nicotine in bidis, when smoked by this procedure, to be compared and ranked on the basis of machine yield.

Experience and knowledge gained from the use of analytical cigarette-smoking machines have highlighted a need to specify certain requirements, which are addressed in this document.

No machine smoking regime can represent all human smoking behaviour:

- machine smoking testing is useful to characterize bidi emissions for design and regulatory purposes, but communication of machine measurements to smokers can result in misunderstandings about differences in exposure and risk across brands;
- smoke emission data from machine measurements may be used as inputs for product hazard assessment, but they are not intended to be nor are they valid as measures of human exposure or risks. Communicating differences between products in machine measurements as differences in exposure or risk is misuse of testing using ISO standards.

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1 Scope

This document specifies methods for the determination of total particulate matter and for the subsequent determination of nicotine-free dry particulate matter present in the smoke from bidis generated and collected using a routine analytical smoking machine.

The smoking method described is suitable for routine analytical smoking machines which are equipped with a suitable bidi holder complying with the requirements of 5.8. The method is equally suitable for rotary machines after due validation.

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.

ISO 3308:2012, *Routine analytical cigarette-smoking machine — Definitions and standard conditions*

ISO 3402, *Tobacco and tobacco products — Atmosphere for conditioning and testing*

ISO 4387:2000, *Cigarettes — Determination of total and nicotine-free dry particulate matter using a routine analytical smoking machine*

ISO 10315, *Cigarettes — Determination of nicotine in smoke condensates — Gas-chromatographic method*

ISO 10362-1, *Cigarettes — Determination of water in smoke condensates — Part 1: Gas-chromatographic method*

3 Terms and definitions

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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3.1

butt length

length of unburnt bidi remaining at the moment when the smoking is stopped

[SOURCE: ISO 3308:2012, 3.2, modified — “cigarette” has been replaced by “bidi”.]