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**Workplace air — Gases and vapours  
— Requirements for evaluation of  
measuring procedures using pumped  
samplers**

*Air des lieux de travail — Gaz et vapeurs — Exigences pour  
l'évaluation des procédures de mesure à l'aide de dispositifs de  
prélèvement par pompage*



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## Introduction

This document provides a framework for assessing the performance of procedures for measuring gases and vapours against the general requirements for the performance of procedures for measuring chemical agents in workplace atmospheres as specified in ISO 20581. It enables manufacturers and users of pumped samplers and developers and users of procedures for measuring gases and vapours to adopt a consistent approach to method validation (see [Annex B](#)).

# Workplace air — Gases and vapours — Requirements for evaluation of measuring procedures using pumped samplers

## 1 Scope

This document specifies performance requirements and test methods under prescribed laboratory conditions for the evaluation of pumped samplers used in conjunction with an air sampling pump and of procedures using these samplers for the determination of gases and vapours in workplace atmospheres.

This document addresses requirements for method developers and/or manufacturers.

NOTE 1 For the purposes of this document, a manufacturer can be any commercial or non-commercial entity.

NOTE 2 For the sampling of semi-volatile compounds which can appear as a mixture of vapours and airborne particles in workplace atmospheres see EN 13936.

This document is applicable to pumped samplers and measuring procedures using these samplers in which sampling and analysis are carried out in separate stages.

This document is not applicable to:

- pumped samplers which are used for the direct determination of concentrations, for example, length-of-stain detector tubes;
- samplers which rely on sorption into a liquid, and subsequent analysis of the solution (bubblers).

## 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 8655-2, *Piston-operated volumetric apparatus — Part 2: Piston pipettes*

ISO 8655-6, *Piston-operated volumetric apparatus — Part 6: Gravimetric methods for the determination of measurement error*

ISO 13137:2013, *Workplace atmospheres — Pumps for personal sampling of chemical and biological agents — Requirements and test methods*

ISO 18158, *Workplace air — Terminology*

ISO 20581, *Workplace air — General requirements for the performance of procedures for the measurement of chemical agents*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 18158 apply.

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

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