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# Textiles — Tests for colour fastness —

## Part J03: Calculation of colour differences

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 105 provides a method of calculating the colour difference between two specimens of the same material, measured under the same conditions, such that the numerical value  $\Delta E_{\text{cmc}}(l:c)$  for the total colour difference quantifies the extent to which the two specimens do not match. It permits the specification of a maximum value (tolerance) which depends only on the closeness of match required for a given end-use and not on the colour involved, nor on the nature of the colour difference. The method also provides a means for establishing the ratio of differences in lightness to chroma and to hue.

**NOTE** Annex A gives guidance on the interpretation of results. Annex B provides sample test data for use in checking computer programs. Annex C contains a sample computer program for calculating colour difference.

### 2 Principle

The CIE<sup>1)</sup> 1976  $L^*a^*b^*$  (CIELAB) colour space has been modified to enhance its visual uniformity when calculating the colour difference between two specimens. The modifications to CIELAB by the CMC equation provide a numerical value,  $\Delta E_{\text{cmc}}$ , which describes the colour difference between a sample and a reference in a more nearly uniform colour space. This permits the use of a single-number tolerance ("acceptability tolerance" or "pass/fail tolerance") for judging the acceptability of a colour match in which the tolerance is independent of the colour of the reference. The ellipsoid semi-axes ( $lS_L$ ,  $cS_c$  and  $S_H$ ) used to derive  $\Delta E_{\text{cmc}}$  provide a means to interpret the three separate components of colour difference (lightness, chroma and hue) in manners suitable for a wide range of uses.

The equation for  $\Delta E_{\text{cmc}}$  describes an ellipsoidal boundary (with axes in the directions of lightness, chroma and hue) centred about a reference. The agreed-upon  $\Delta E_{\text{cmc}}$  acceptability tolerance describes a volume within which all specimens are acceptable matches to the reference.

The colour difference is composed of three components that comprise the differences between the reference and the specimen. These are as follows.

- a) A **lightness** component that is weighted by a lightness tolerance ( $\Delta L^*/lS_L$ ). This is represented as  $\Delta L_{\text{cmc}}$ .

If the  $\Delta L_{\text{cmc}}$  is positive, the specimen is lighter than the reference. If the  $\Delta L_{\text{cmc}}$  is negative, the specimen is darker than the reference;

- b) A **chroma** component that is weighted by the chroma tolerance ( $\Delta C_{ab}^*/cS_c$ ). This is represented as  $\Delta C_{\text{cmc}}$ .

If the  $\Delta C_{\text{cmc}}$  is positive, the specimen is more chromatic than the reference. If the  $\Delta C_{\text{cmc}}$  is negative, the specimen is less chromatic than the reference;

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