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**Fireworks — Test methods for  
determination of specific chemical  
substances —**

**Part 8:  
Arsenic content by hydride generation  
atomic fluorescence spectrometry**

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de substances chimiques spécifiques —*

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atomique par génération d'hydrures*

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# Fireworks — Test methods for determination of specific chemical substances —

## Part 8:

## Arsenic content by hydride generation atomic fluorescence spectrometry

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the test method for the determination of the arsenic content in pyrotechnic compositions by hydride generation -atomic fluorescence spectrometry

### 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 22863-1, *Fireworks — Test methods for determination of specific chemical substances — Part 1: General*

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

### 4 Principle of the method

After the sample is dissolved by acidic heating, the pentavalent arsenic is first reduced to trivalent arsenic by thiourea in an acidic medium and then potassium borohydride is reacted to form a volatile hydride ( $\text{AsH}_3$ ), which is then loaded by a carrier gas (argon). The hydride is decomposed by the atomizer into atomic arsenic. Under the illumination of the arsenic hollow cathode lamp, the fluorescence of the characteristic wavelength is emitted, and the fluorescence intensity is proportional to the arsenic concentration in the liquid to be measured and is quantitatively compared with the standard series.

### 5 Reagents

#### 5.1 Perchloric acid (GR)

#### 5.2 Nitric acid (GR)

#### 5.3 Thiourea (AR)

#### 5.4 Ascorbic acid (AR)