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Foreword

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This first edition of ISO 17075 cancels and replaces the first edition of CEN TS 14495:2003, which has been technically revised.

Leather — Chemical tests — Determination of chromium(VI) content

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for determining chromium(VI) in solutions leached from leather under defined conditions. The method described is suitable to quantify the chromium(VI) content in leathers down to 3 mg/kg.

This document is applicable to all leather types.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 2418, *Leather — Chemical, physical and mechanical and fastness tests — Sampling location*

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 4044, *Leather — Chemical tests — Preparation of chemical test samples*

ISO 4684, *Leather — Chemical tests — Determination of volatile matter*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

chromium(VI) content

amount of chromium(VI) in leather determined by this method after extraction with an aqueous salt solution at pH 7,5 to 8,0

NOTE The chromium(VI) content is reported as chromium(VI) in milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), expressed as the dry mass of the sample.

4 Principle

Soluble chromium(VI) is leached from the sample in phosphate buffer at pH 7,5 to 8,0 and substances which influence the detection are removed by solid phase extraction if necessary. The chromium(VI) in solution oxidizes 1,5-diphenylcarbazide to 1,5-diphenylcarbazone to give a red/violet complex with chromium which can be quantified photometrically at 540 nm.

The results obtained from the described method are strictly dependent on the extraction conditions. Results obtained by using other extraction procedures (extraction solution, pH, extraction time, etc.) are not comparable with the results produced by the procedure described in this standard.