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1 Scope

This International standard sets out the basic methods for sampling fine coal, coal rejects or tailings of nominal top size < 1 mm that is mixed with water to form a slurry. At very high ratios of fine solids to water when the material assumes a soft plastic form, the mixture is correctly termed a paste. Sampling of pastes is not covered in this International Standard.

The procedures described in this International Standard primarily apply to sampling of coal that is transported in moving streams as a slurry. These streams can fall freely or be confined in pipes, launders, chutes, spirals or similar channels. Sampling of slurries in stationary situations, such as a settled or even a well-stirred slurry in a tank, holding vessel or dam, is not recommended and is not covered in this International Standard.

This International Standard describes procedures that are designed to provide samples representative of the slurry solids and particle size distribution of the slurry under examination. After draining the slurry sample of fluid and measuring the fluid volume, damp samples of the contained solids in the slurry are available for drying (if required) and measurement of one or more characteristics in an unbiased manner and with a known degree of precision. The characteristics are measured by chemical analysis or physical testing or both.

The sampling methods described are applicable to slurries that require inspection to verify compliance with product specifications, determination of the value of a characteristic as a basis for settlement between trading partners or estimation of a set of average characteristics and variances that describes a system or procedure.

Provided flow rates are not too high, the reference method against which other sampling procedures are compared is one where the entire stream is diverted into a ressel for a specified time or volume interval. This method corresponds to the stopped-belt method described in SO 13909-2.

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 1213-1, Solid mineral fuels — Vocabulary — Part 1: Terms relating to coal preparation

ISO 1213-2, Solid mineral fuels — Vocabulary — Part 2: Terms relating to sampling, testing and analysis

ISO 13909-1, Hard coal and coke — Mechanical sampling — Part 1: General introduction

ISO 13909-4, Hard coal and coke — Mechanical sampling — Part 4: Coal — Preparation of test samples

ISO 13909-8, Hard coal and coke — Mechanical sampling — Part 8: Methods of testing for bias

3 Definitions

For the purpose of this document, the definitions given in ISO 13909-1, ISO 1213-1 and ISO 1213-2 apply.

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