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FOREWORD

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1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies a potentiometric method for the determination of the chloride content of commercial soaps, containing or not containing other surface active agents, and also of compounded products.

2 REFERENCE

ISO . . ., *Soaps — Sampling*.¹⁾

3 PRINCIPLE

Potentiometric titration of the chloride (Cl^-) ions with standard volumetric silver nitrate solution in a nitric acid medium, using a silver-silver chloride measurement electrode and a calomel reference electrode.

4 REAGENTS

During the analysis, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity.

4.1 Potassium nitrate, solution saturated at 20 °C.

4.2 Nitric acid, approximately 6 N solution.

4.3 Silver nitrate, approximately 0,1 N standard volumetric solution.

Dissolve 8,5 g of silver nitrate in water in a 500 ml one-mark volumetric flask, dilute to the mark and mix.

Store this solution in a dark amber-coloured flask.

4.4 Silver nitrate, approximately 0,01 N solution.

Prepare this solution immediately before use by appropriate dilution of the standard volumetric silver nitrate solution (4.3).

4.5 Potassium chloride, 0,1 N standard reference solution.

Weigh, to the nearest 0,001 g, 3,728 g of potassium chloride, previously dried for 2 h at 105 °C and cooled in a desiccator. Dissolve in a small quantity of water and transfer quantitatively to a 500 ml one-mark volumetric flask. Dilute to the mark and mix.

4.6 Potassium chloride, 0,01 N standard reference solution.

Prepare this solution immediately before use by appropriate dilution of the standard reference potassium chloride solution (4.5).

4.7 Methyl orange, 1 g/l solution.

5 APPARATUS

Ordinary laboratory apparatus, and

5.1 Potentiometer, sensitivity 2 mV, covering the range -500 to +500 mV.

5.2 Electrodes.

5.2.1 Calomel electrode — KCl saturated.

5.2.2 Silver-silver chloride electrode.

5.2.3 Bridge, containing the saturated potassium nitrate solution (4.1), connected to the calomel electrode (5.2.1).

5.3 Combined electrode, as an alternative to the calomel electrode (5.2.1) and the silver electrode (5.2.2).

5.4 Electromagnetic stirrer.

5.5 Burette, capacity 50 ml, complying with the requirements of ISO/R 385, Class A.

1) In preparation.