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**Copper, lead, zinc and nickel  
concentrates — Guidelines for the  
inspection of mechanical sampling  
systems**

*Concentrés de cuivre, de plomb, de zinc et de nickel —  
Lignes directrices pour le contrôle des systèmes mécaniques  
d'échantillonnage*



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# Copper, lead, zinc and nickel concentrates — Guidelines for the inspection of mechanical sampling systems

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## 1 Scope

This document sets out recommended practices for the inspection of mechanical sampling systems. It serves as a reference for conformance with applicable International Standards for copper, lead, zinc and nickel concentrates.

This document covers general considerations, including precision, quality variation, bias, establishment of inspection systems and inspection procedures.

## 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 12743, *Copper, lead, zinc and nickel concentrates — Sampling procedures for determination of metal and moisture content*

ISO 12744, *Copper, lead, zinc and nickel concentrates — Experimental methods for checking the precision of sampling*

ISO 13292, *Copper, lead, zinc and nickel concentrates — Experimental methods for checking the bias of sampling*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 12743, ISO 12744 and ISO 13292 and the following apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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### 3.1 audit

critical review of a mechanical sampling system, undertaken by a suitably qualified person not directly involved in the operation of that system, which measures its compliance with stipulated operating specifications

### 3.2 mechanical inspection

comparative record of observations and measurements of physical parameters against design criteria, and records of subsequent changes or improvements undertaken by a suitably qualified person not involved in the day-to-day operation of the system