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Introduction

Dustiness measurement and characterization provide users (e.g. manufacturers, producers, occupational hygienists and workers) with information on the potential for dust emissions when the bulk material is handled or processed in workplaces. They provide the manufactures of bulk materials containing NOAA with information that can help to improve their products and reduce their dustiness. It allows the users of the bulk materials containing NOAA to assess the controls and precautions required for handling and working with the material and the effects of pre-treatment (e.g. modify surface properties or chemistry). It also allows the users to select less dusty products, if available. The particle size distribution of the aerosol and the morphology and chemical composition of its particles can be used by occupational hygienists, scientists and regulators to further characterize the aerosol in terms of particle size distribution and chemical composition and to thus aid users to evaluate and control the health risk of airborne dust.

This document gives details on the design and operation of the continuous drop method that measures the dustiness of bulk materials that contain or release respirable NOAA or other respirable particles in terms of dustiness indices or emission rates. Dustiness indices as well as emission rates can be number-based or mass-based. In addition, the test method characterizes the released aerosol by measuring the particle size distribution and emission rate using on-line methods and collects samples for off-line analysis (as required) for their morphology and chemical composition. This test uses the same dust generation methods and the same set-up including dimensions of the apparatus specified in EN 15051-3. The determination of the inhalable and respirable dustiness mass fractions (see EN 481 [1]) of the released dust from a bulk material containing NOAA is carried out separately according to EN 15051-1 and EN 15051-3.

The continuous drop method is useful for addressing the ability of bulk materials including nanomaterials (in powder form), to release airborne particles (aerosol) during agitation, the so-called dustiness.

The continuous drop method has been designed to simulate workplace scenarios and to represent general bulk material handling processes, including processes where bulk material is tipped, poured, mixed, scooped, dropped or similar; either mechanical or by hand.

The continuous drop method presented here differs from the rotating drum, the small rotating drum and the vortex shaker method presented in EN 17199-2 [2], EN 17199-4 [3] and EN 17199-5 [4] respectively. The rotating drum and small rotating drum methods perform, both, repeated pouring or agitation of the same sample bulk material while the vortex shaker method simulates vigorous agitation of a bulk material.

This document was developed based on the results of pre-normative research [5]. This project investigated the dustiness of ten bulk materials (including nine bulk nanomaterials) with the intention to test as wide a range of bulk materials as possible in terms of magnitude of dustiness, chemical composition and primary particle size distribution as indicated by a large range in specific surface area.

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1 Scope

This document provides the methodology for measuring the dustiness of bulk materials that contain or release respirable NOAA or other respirable particles, under standard and reproducible conditions and specifies for that purpose the continuous drop method.

This document specifies the selection of instruments and devices and the procedures for calculating and presenting the results. It also gives guidelines on the evaluation and reporting of the data.

The methodology described in this document enables

a) the measurement of the respirable and, optionally, the inhalable dustiness mass fractions,

b) the measurement of the number-based dustiness index of particles in the particle size range from about 10 nm to about 1 µm,

c) the measurement of the number-based emission rate of particles in the particle size range from about 10 nm to about 1 µm,

d) the measurement of the number-based particle size distribution of the released aerosol in the particle size range from about 10 nm to about 10 µm, and

e) the collection of released airborne particles in the respirable dustiness mass fraction for subsequent observations and analysis by analytical electron microscopy.

This document is applicable to the testing of a wide range of bulk materials including powders, granules or pellets containing or releasing respirable NOAA or other respirable particles in either unbound, bound uncoated and coated forms.

NOTE 1 Currently no number-based classification scheme in terms of dustiness indices or emission rates have been established. Eventually, when a large number of measurement data has been obtained, the intention is to revise this document and to introduce such a classification scheme, if applicable.

NOTE 2 The methods specified in this document have not been evaluated for nanofibers and nanoplates.

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.

CEN ISO/TS 80004-2, *Nanotechnologies - Vocabulary - Part 2: Nano-objects (ISO/TS 80004-2)*

EN 1540, *Workplace exposure - Terminology*

EN 13205-2, *Workplace exposure - Assessment of sampler performance for measurement of airborne particle concentrations - Part 2: Laboratory performance test based on determination of sampling efficiency*

EN 15051-1, *Workplace exposure - Measurement of the dustiness of bulk materials - Part 1: Requirements and choice of test methods*

EN 15051-3, *Workplace exposure - Measurement of the dustiness of bulk materials - Part 3: Continuous drop method*

EN 16897, *Workplace exposure - Characterization of ultrafine aerosols/nanoaerosols - Determination of number concentration using condensation particle counters*

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EN 17199-1, *Workplace exposure - Measurement of dustiness of bulk materials that contain or release respirable NOAA or other respirable particles - Part 1: Requirements and choice of test methods*

EN ISO 13137, *Workplace atmospheres - Pumps for personal sampling of chemical and biological agents - Requirements and test methods (ISO 13137)*

ISO 27891, *Aerosol particle number concentration - Calibration of condensation particle counters*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1540, EN 15051-1, CEN ISO/TS 80004-2 and EN 17199-1 apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
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4 Symbols and abbreviations

APS® 1)	Aerodynamic Particle Sizer
BET	Brunauer–Emmett–Teller
CDD	Continuous Drop Device
CPC	Condensation Particle Counter
d_{50}	A lower particle size at which the counting or sampling efficiency is 50 %
DEMC	Differential Electrical Mobility Classifier
DMAS	Differential Mobility Analysing system
NOAA	Nano-objects, and their aggregates and agglomerates > 100 nm
RH	Relative Humidity
SEM	Scanning Electron Microscopy
TEM	Transmission Electron Microscopy

5 Principle

The continuous drop method (see Annex A) described in this document measures the dustiness of bulk materials containing or releasing respirable NOAA or other respirable particles in terms of

— the respirable and inhalable dustiness mass fractions,

— the number-based dustiness index, and

— the number-based emission rate.

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