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## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a method of determining the amount of acetone-soluble material ("resinous substances") in the toluene-soluble extract from brown coals and lignites.

NOTE — The acetone extract will also contain a percentage of wax dissolved simultaneously with the "resinous substances".

## 2 Reference

ISO 975, *Brown coals and lignites — Determination of yield of toluene-soluble extract.*

## 3 Principle

The sample of toluene-soluble extract from brown coal or lignite obtained by the procedure described in ISO 975 is extracted with acetone at a temperature of 18 to 22 °C. The soluble fraction is filtered or centrifuged off and, after evaporation of the solvent, dried to constant mass. The percentage of acetone-soluble material is calculated from the mass of residue after drying.

## 4 Reagent

**Acetone,** of analytical reagent grade.

**WARNING — Acetone is flammable and toxic by inhalation, ingestion or skin absorption.**

## 5 Apparatus

**5.1 Centrifuge,** capable of operating at 1 600 r/min.

The rotational frequency of the centrifuge shall be sufficient to ensure separation of the soluble fraction from the parent coal.

**5.2 Glass vessels,** either cylindrical or conical, of 15 ml capacity and fitted with ground glass stoppers, for use in the centrifuge.

**5.3 Evaporating dish,** of glass or silica, about 20 mm high and 50 mm in diameter.

**5.4 Vacuum drying oven,** electrically heated, in which a temperature of 80 ± 2 °C and a pressure of about 50 kPa can be maintained.

**5.5 Air oven,** electrically heated, capable of maintaining a temperature of 100 to 110 °C.

**5.6 Infra-red drying lamp.**

**5.7 Wire cloth test sieve,** of nominal aperture size 100 µm.

## 6 Preparation of sample

The residue obtained from the toluene-soluble extract obtained by the method specified in ISO 975 shall be crushed to pass the sieve (5.7).

If the residue is a viscous liquid, it shall be cooled in solid carbon dioxide to — 80 °C, and then crushed.

## 7 Procedure

### 7.1 Test conditions

The high selectivity of acetone requires a strict temperature control during the determination. The temperature of the solvent, the room temperature at the beginning of the determination and the room temperature at the end of the determination shall not differ from each other by more than 0,5 °C and shall be within the range 18 to 22 °C.

### 7.2 Determination

Weigh, to the nearest 1 mg, about 0,5 g of the sample into a glass vessel (5.2). Add 7 ml of the acetone (clause 4) and shake for exactly 2 min (see note 1). Allow the acetone-soluble fraction to clear and decant it into the tared, dry evaporating dish (5.3). If the fraction does not clear, it may be centrifuged for 1 min and then decanted, or filtered if necessary (see note 2), into the evaporating dish (see note 3).