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— Information has been added to Annex A to explain calculations for instruments with bandpass correction; Table A.2 provides weighting functions needed for calculations related to instruments with bandpass correction.

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Introduction

Optical measurements are affected by the geometry of the instruments used and by the texture of the material.

The optical properties are related to the visual appearance of the material. Although optical properties are intrinsic properties of tissue paper, they are not functional properties.

The opacity value depends on the principle used for its evaluation, and a method should be chosen which most closely relates to the interpretation to be placed upon the results. The method described in this document is applicable when it is desired to measure that property of a tissue paper or tissue product which governs the extent to which one sheet visually obscures print on underlying sheets. It should not be confused with methods based on the reduction in a standard contrast by interposition of the paper opacity (white backing), formerly known as contrast ratio, nor with the assessment of the amount and condition of light penetrating a sheet (transparency or translucency).

The calculation of opacity requires luminance-factor data obtained by measurement under specified conditions. The luminance factor depends on the conditions of measurement, and particularly on the spectral and geometric characteristics of the instrument used for its determination.

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Part 16: Determination of optical properties — Diffuse reflectance method for opacity (paper backing)

1 Scope

This document specifies the testing procedures for the instrumental determination of the opacity of tissue paper or tissue products by diffuse reflectance using a paper backing.

This document contains specific instructions for the preparation of test pieces of single-ply and multi-ply products, where special preparation/procedures might be necessary.

It can be used to determine the opacity of tissue paper and tissue products containing fluorescent whitening agents, provided the UV content of the radiation incident on the test piece has been adjusted to conform to that in the CIE illuminant C using a fluorescent reference standard provided by an authorized laboratory as described in ISO 2470-1.

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 186, *Paper and board — Sampling to determine average quality*

ISO 187, *Paper, board and pulps — Standard atmosphere for conditioning and testing and procedure for monitoring the atmosphere and conditioning of samples*

ISO 2469, *Paper, board and pulps — Measurement of diffuse radiance factor (diffuse reflectance factor)*

ISO 2470-1, *Paper, board and pulps — Measurement of diffuse blue reflectance factor — Part 1: Indoor daylight conditions (ISO brightness)*

ISO 4094, *Paper, board and pulps — General requirements for the competence of laboratories authorized for the issue of optical reference transfer standards of level 3*

ISO/CIE 11664-1, *Colorimetry — Part 1: CIE standard colorimetric observers*

ISO/CIE 11664-2, *Colorimetry — Part 2: CIE standard illuminants*

ASTM E308-13, *Standard Practice for Computing the Colors of Objects by Using the CIE System*

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