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— in 7.2, a new sentence to make reference to ISO 2596 has been included;

— in 9.2.4, Formula (7) and the relevant descriptions have been modified to harmonize this subclause across all International Standards for which ISO/TC 102/SC 2 is responsible;

— in 5.4, 5.5, 8.4.2 and 9.2.1, the footnotes have been moved to the appropriate place.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a flame atomic absorption spectrometric method for the determination of the mass fraction of potassium in iron ores.

This method is applicable to mass fractions of potassium between 0,002 5 % and 0,52 % in natural iron ores, iron ore concentrates and agglomerates, including sinter products.

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 648, *Laboratory glassware — Single-volume pipettes*

ISO 1042, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks*

ISO 2596, *Iron ores — Determination of hygroscopic moisture in analytical samples — Gravimetric, Karl Fischer and mass-loss methods*

ISO 3082, *Iron ores — Sampling and sample preparation procedures*

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 7764, *Iron ores — Preparation of predried test samples for chemical analysis*

ISO 11323, *Iron ore and direct reduced iron — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11323 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

4 Principle

The test portion is decomposed by treatment with hydrochloric acid and hydrofluoric acid, followed by evaporation to dryness. The residue is wetted and the evaporation is repeated with a new portion of hydrochloric acid. The residue is dissolved with hydrochloric acid followed by appropriate dilution. The solution is aspirated into the air/acetylene flame of the atomic absorption apparatus.

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