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Foreword

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IULTCS, originally formed in 1897, is a world-wide organization of professional leather societies to further the advancement of leather science and technology. IULTCS has three Commissions, which are responsible for establishing international methods for the sampling and testing of leather. ISO recognizes IULTCS as an international standardizing body for the preparation of test methods for leather.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 17229:2002), of which it constitutes a minor revision to align item c) of Clause 8 with ISO 2419:2012.

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Leather — Physical and mechanical tests — Determination of water vapour absorption

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for determining the water vapour absorption of leather. The method is applicable for all leathers but is particularly relevant for leathers intended for footwear uppers and linings.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2418, *Leather — Chemical, physical and mechanical and fastness tests — Sampling location*

ISO 2419, *Leather — Physical and mechanical tests — Sample preparation and conditioning*

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

3 Principle

The test piece and an impermeable material are clamped over the opening of a metal container containing 50 ml of water for a specified time. The water vapour absorption of the test piece is determined by the increase in mass.

4 Apparatus

4.1 Cylindrical metal or glass container, with internal diameter of 35 mm ± 0,5 mm, internal depth 104 mm ± 1 mm and an external diameter at the top opening of at least 55 mm, fitted with a metal ring or lid which can be securely clamped to the cylindrical metal container.

4.2 Balance, weighing to 0,001 g.

4.3 Stop clock, reading to 1 min.

4.4 Vernier callipers, reading to 0,1 mm.

4.5 Disc of impermeable material, for example rubber or metal, with the same diameter as the test piece.

4.6 Press knife, the inner wall of which is a right angled circular cylinder of diameter 43 mm ± 1 mm as specified in ISO 2419.

4.7 Distilled or **deionized water**, conforming to the requirements of grade 3 of ISO 3696.

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