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The main changes are as follows:

— title revised;

— a warning notice to avoid gain or loss of moisture during sample preparation added in 6.1;

— references updated;

— minor editorial corrections;

— more specific sample preparation information provided.

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Solid biofuels — Determination of moisture content —

Part 2:
Simplified method

1 Scope

This document specifies a method of determining the moisture content of a test sample of solid biofuels by drying in an oven and is used when the highest precision is not needed, e.g. for routine production control on site. The method described in this document is applicable to all solid biofuels. The moisture content of solid biofuels (as received) is always reported based on the total mass of the test sample (wet basis).

NOTE Biomass materials can contain small amounts of volatile organic compounds (VOC) which can evaporate when determining moisture content by oven drying (see References [1] and [2]). The release of such compounds is quite small relative to the overall moisture content as determined by this method and is disregarded in this document.

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 14780, *Solid biofuels — Sample preparation*

ISO 16559, *Solid biofuels — Vocabulary*

ISO 18135, *Solid Biofuels — Sampling*

ISO 21945, *Solid biofuels — Simplified sampling method for small scale applications*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 16559 apply.

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

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

4 Principle

The test portion of solid biofuel shall be dried at a temperature of 105 °C in air atmosphere until constant mass is achieved. The percentage moisture shall be calculated from the loss in mass of the test portion.

The difference with this procedure compared to the reference method ISO 18134-1 is that the effect due to buoyancy is neglected and only a single determination is required. The weight of a tray when still hot is less than the weight of the cold tray due to buoyancy. The magnitude of the buoyancy effect depends on the size and the weight of the tray.

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