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Foreword

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Introduction

The use of biomass materials in rubber compounds helps to decrease the rubber industry's dependence on fossil resources. It is also expected to lead to a reduction of carbon dioxide emission, reducing global warming and promoting a sustainable global environment.

In the ISO 19984 series, biomass is the term used for the biological material from living or recently living organisms such as wood and agricultural waste materials.

Industrial scale biomass is now readily being grown from numerous types of plants sources and a variety of tree species. Biomass nowadays also includes plant or animal matter used for the production of fibres or chemicals. It may also include biodegradable wastes. Biomass excludes organic materials which have been transformed by geological processes into substances, such as petroleum or coal. Although fossil fuels have their origin in ancient biomass, they are not considered biomass by the generally accepted definition because they contain carbon that has been "out" of the modern carbon cycle.

The composition of biomass is mainly carbon, hydrogen and oxygen. Nitrogen and small quantities of other elements can also be found.

The ISO 19984 series specifies methods for the determination of the biobased content of rubber and rubber products. The results will give manufacturers and users a quantitative indication of their contribution to the preservation of the environment.

ISO 19984-1 specifies how to categorize constituents of rubber and rubber products and also how to calculate the biobased content using the compound formulation and the chemical structure of each constituent.

ISO 19984-2 specifies how to determine the biobased carbon content by radio chemical analyses, i.e. determination of ^{14}C. It can be obtained from the fraction of carbon atoms derived from biomass against the whole amount of carbon atoms in the rubber or rubber products. The methods specified in ISO 19984-2 allow consumers to determine the biobased carbon content even when the formulation of the rubber is unavailable.

ISO 19984-3 specifies how to separate rubber compounds into constituents, how to obtain each constituent's composition ratio and how to determine the biobased carbon content of each constituent by chemical analyses. Thus, the biobased mass content for each constituent can be derived and the biobased mass content for the whole rubber can be obtained by summing up all the constituent values.

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Part 1: General principles and calculation methods using the formulation of the rubber compound

1 Scope

This document specifies the general principles and the calculation methods for the determination of biobased content in rubber and rubber products, including polyurethanes, by using the compound formulation. These calculation methods are based on the mass or the carbon mass of each constituent present in the rubber or rubber product.

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 1382, *Rubber — Vocabulary*

ISO 19984-2, *Rubber and rubber products — Determination of biobased content —Part 2: Biobased carbon content*

ISO 19984-3, *Rubber and rubber products — Determination of biobased content —Part 3: Biobased mass content*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1382 and the following apply.

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

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

3.1
radiocarbon
radioactive isotope of carbon, ^{14}C, having 8 neutrons, 6 protons and 6 electrons

3.2
biobased component
biobased part of a biobased constituent which is wholly or partly from biomass resource(s)

3.3
biobased content
amount of *biobased component(s)* (3.2) in a product expressed by carbon % to total carbon or mass % to total product mass

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3.4
biobased carbon content
amount of *biobased component(s)* (3.2) in a product expressed by carbon % to total carbon

3.5
biobased mass content
amount of *biobased component(s)* (3.2) in a product expressed by mass % to total product mass

3.6
biomass
material of biological origin excluding material embedded in geological formations and/or fossilized

Note 1 to entry: For more detailed description, refer to the introduction of this document.

3.7
biobased natural rubber
cis-1,4-polyisoprene rubber obtained from botanical sources such as Hevea brasiliensis (Para rubber tree), Parthenium argentatum (guayule), Helianthus annuus (sunflower), Taraxacum kok-saghyz (Russian dandelion), etc.

Note 1 to entry: Epoxidized natural rubber and other types of modified natural rubbers are classified as biobased synthetic rubber for the purpose of calculation because these rubbers contain non-biomass resources.

3.8
biobased synthetic rubber
rubber obtained through chemical and/or biological process(es) wholly or partly from biomass resources

3.9
fossil-based synthetic rubber
rubber obtained through chemical process(es) wholly from fossil resources

3.10
biobased organic ingredient
organic compounding ingredient wholly or partly from biomass resources

3.11
fossil-based organic ingredient
organic compounding ingredient wholly from fossil resources

3.12
biobased inorganic ingredient
inorganic compounding ingredient wholly or partly from biomass resources

3.13
non-biobased inorganic ingredient
inorganic compounding ingredient wholly from resources which are not biomass

Note 1 to entry: Carbon blacks are classified as inorganic ingredient.

4 Principle

4.1 Identification indices for rubber or a rubber product to determine the biobased content

There are three indices used to identify the rubber or rubber product, namely,

a) the compound formulation,

b) the chemical composition of each constituent, and

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