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INTRODUCTION

The widespread use of electrotechnical products has drawn increased attention to their impact on the environment. In many countries, this has resulted in the adoption of regulations affecting wastes, substances, and energy use of electrotechnical products.

The use of certain substances (e.g. lead (Pb), cadmium (Cd), and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs)) in electrotechnical products is a source of concern in current and proposed regional legislation.

The purpose of the IEC 62321 series is therefore to provide test methods that will allow the electrotechnical industry to determine the levels of certain substances of concern in electrotechnical products on a consistent global basis.

This first edition of IEC 62321-11 introduces a new subject covering tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TCEP) in the IEC 62321 series.

TCEP is a halogenated phosphorus-based flame retardant that is disclosable as a substance of very high concern (SVHC) as it is classified as toxic to reproduction category 2 (R60) and was included in the candidate list for authorization on 13 January 2010, following ECHA's decision ED/68/2009 [1][1] and in regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 ANNEX XVI [2].

TCEP is used as a flame retardant in plastics such as polyester and polyurethane foam and as a plasticizer in polyvinyl chloride. Additionally, TCEP is used as an alternative for brominated flame retardants that have been restricted. No applicable testing standard exists for TCEP analysis in plastics.

As a result, analysis criteria have been established by an IEC TC 111 and ISO/TC 61/SC 5 joint working group for the joint development of an IEC and ISO double logo International Standard, to provide a test method that will allow the industry to determine the concentrations of TCEP in plastics.

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DETERMINATION OF CERTAIN SUBSTANCES IN ELECTROTECHNICAL PRODUCTS –

Part 11: Tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TCEP) in plastics by gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) and liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS)

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62321 specifies two different techniques for the determination of tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TCEP) in plastics, the GC-MS or LC-MS method, both of which are applicable to quantitative analysis.

These two techniques are applicable to use with polyurethane, polyvinylchloride, and polyethylene materials containing TCEP between 200 mg/kg to 2 000 mg/kg.

These test methods do not apply to plastic materials having a processing temperature higher than 230 °C.

GC-MS using a pyrolyser/thermal desorption accessory (Py/TD-GC-MS) technique is described in Annex A and can be used for the screening of TCEP in plastics.

NOTE TCEP starts thermal decomposition at approximately 230 °C. Polymer types that have a processing temperature into shapes of plastics (e.g. pellets, moulded parts or sheets) not exceeding the decomposition temperature can contain TCEP.

This document has the status of a horizontal publication in accordance with IEC Guide 108 [3].

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.

IEC 62321-1:2013, *Determination of certain substances in electrotechnical products – Part 1: Introduction and overview*

IEC 62321-2:2021, *Determination of certain substances in electrotechnical products – Part 2: Disassembly, disjointment and mechanical sample preparation*

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3.1 Terms and definitions

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