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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- a more precise definition of the field of application by means of glass types was added;
- wherever possible a harmonization with the identical paragraphs in the European Pharmacopoeia, chapter 3.2.1, and the USP, chapter 660, was established to simplify the application in the laboratories globally. This concerns, e.g. sample size, mesh size;
- the process of autoclaving was adapted to the requirements of the European Pharmacopoeia, chapter 3.2.1, which will ease the application of this document;
- the usage of acetone was restricted to always fresh, new acetone, since re-usage might lead to deviating test results;

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1 Scope

This document specifies

- a) a method for determining the hydrolytic resistance of glass grains at 121 °C. The resistance is measured and expressed by the volume of acid required for titration of the alkali extracted from the unit mass of glass, and can also be expressed by the amount of sodium oxide equivalent to this volume of acid, and
- b) a classification of glass according to the hydrolytic resistance determined by the method of this document.

This document is intended for use on the more resistant types of glass, e.g. borosilicate glass.

NOTE 1 For the less resistant glasses, e.g. soda-lime, the method specified in ISO 719 is more suited.

NOTE 2 It is emphasized that there is no exact correlation between the classification laid down in this document and that laid down in ISO 719, and it is, therefore, essential to identify which classification is being used.

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 385, *Laboratory glassware — Burettes*

ISO 565, *Test sieves — Metal wire cloth, perforated metal plate and electroformed sheet — Nominal sizes of openings*

ISO 648, *Laboratory glassware — Single-volume pipettes*

ISO 1773, *Laboratory glassware — Narrow-necked boiling flasks*

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

ISO 3819, *Laboratory glassware — Beakers*

ISO 13130, *Laboratory glassware — Desiccators*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>