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Introduction

Welding and allied processes produce airborne particles and gaseous by-products that can be harmful to human health. Knowledge of the quantity and composition of the airborne particles and gases emitted can be useful for occupational hygienists in assessing workplace exposure and in determining appropriate control measures.

Welding processes, consumables and parameters give rise to various fume emission rates, which in turn lead to different welder exposures. Emission rate cannot be used directly to assess exposure. However, processes, consumables and welding parameters that give lower emission rates generally result in lower welder exposures than processes with higher emission rates used in the same working situation.

Clear instructions and supporting informative guidance are provided in order to ensure that the welding conditions used are selected thoughtfully according to a standardized procedure. The need to fully report the welding conditions used in the test is emphasized, and an example is provided of how such information should be conveyed on a fume data sheet. This document also gives information about how the data obtained can be used.

It has been assumed in the drafting of this document that the execution of its provisions and the interpretation of the results obtained are entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced people.

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Part 4: Fume data sheets

1 Scope

This document covers health and safety in welding and allied processes. It specifies requirements for determination of the emission rate and chemical composition of welding fume in order to prepare fume data sheets.

It applies to all filler materials used for joining or surfacing by arc welding using a manual, partly mechanized or fully automatic process, depositing unalloyed steel, alloyed steel and non-ferrous alloys. Manual metal arc welding, gas-shielded metal arc welding with solid wires, metal-cored and flux-cored wires and arc welding with self-shielded flux-cored wires are included within the scope of 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 15011-1, *Health and safety in welding and allied processes — Laboratory method for sampling fume and gases — Part 1: Determination of fume emission rate during arc welding and collection of fume for analysis*

ISO/TR 25901-2, *Welding and allied processes — Vocabulary — Part 2: Safety and health*

ISO/TR 25901-3, *Welding and allied processes — Vocabulary — Part 3: Welding processes*

EN 1540, *Workplace atmospheres — Terminology*

EN/TR 14599, *Terms and definitions for welding purposes in relation with EN 1792*

3 Terms and definitions

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