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Foreword

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Introduction

Whereas the comparison methods described in ISO 6143 based on multipoint calibration are in principle suited for all applications in gas analysis for determining the composition of calibration gas mixtures, in many cases, simpler calibration methods can be used. These methods typically require a smaller number of calibration gas mixtures with a traceable composition.

One- and two-point calibration of instruments is widely used in the gas industry and in national metrology institutes. They often constitute fair compromise between costs and efforts on one hand, and accuracy on the other. These simpler methods require validation to confirm that the conditions of use are appropriate.

It is the intention of this document to set up and describe comparison methods and data evaluation techniques based on one- and two-point calibration. The applicable conditions and limitations of the methods are derived from the analytical requirements and are clearly specified.

This document describes the assessment, calculation and expression of measurement uncertainty arising from significant contributors in the different comparison methods.

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1 Scope

This document provides methods for

— calibrating an instrument with one or two calibration gas mixtures,

— determining the composition of a gas sample, and

— evaluating the uncertainty of the composition of the gas sample in relation to the uncertainty of the composition of the calibration gases used and the contribution of the measurement process.

This document sets requirements to, and acceptance criteria for, the utilization of different measurement calibration designs with a limited (i.e. minimum) number of calibration gas mixtures used in calibration.

The methods in this document are described for amount-of-substance fractions, but are also applicable for other composition quantities (such as mass fractions, volume fractions or concentrations).

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 6141, *Gas analysis — Contents of certificates for calibration gas mixtures*

ISO 6143, *Gas analysis — Comparison methods for determining and checking the composition of calibration gas mixtures*

ISO 7504, *Gas analysis — Vocabulary*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

ISO/IEC Guide 99, *International vocabulary of metrology — Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 7504, ISO/IEC Guide 98-3 and ISO/IEC Guide 99 apply.

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

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