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Introduction

Tobacco smoke is a complex mixture consisting of many individual chemical constituents. These compounds exist as gases, vapours and condensed aerosol particles. Additionally, various rapid ageing processes, together with diffusional and intersolubility effects, start occurring immediately after the formation of the smoke which further complicates its composition. These processes and effects are particularly relevant to water pipe tobacco smoke where the smoke ages and passes through a water trap before it reaches the smoker.

Historically, when tobacco products are smoked in a laboratory setting, the particulate matter in smoke is collected on a glass fibre filter and this approach has been followed in this document for water pipe tobacco smoking.

The parameters used for “puffing” on the laboratory water pipe used in this document are based on published studies of human behaviour and data reported to the ISO/TC 126. It is convenient to use the term “puffing”, however it is, in strict physiological terms, incorrect. Smokers of cigarettes and many other tobacco products use a two-step process to draw the smoke from the product into the mouth (the puff), followed usually by inhalation of ambient air into the lungs through either the nose or mouth. Smokers of water pipes use a one-step process to inhale smoke directly into the lungs.

It is important to note that no machine smoking regime can represent all human smoking behaviour:

- machine smoking testing is useful to characterize water pipe tobacco emissions for design and regulatory purposes, but communication of machine measurements to smokers can result in misunderstandings about differences in exposure and risk across brands;
- smoke emission data from machine measurements may be used as inputs for product hazard assessment, but they are not intended to be nor are they valid as measures of human exposure or risks. Communicating differences between products in machine measurements as differences in exposure or risk is a misuse of testing using ISO standards.

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1 Scope

This document specifies methods for the determination of total collected matter and for the subsequent determination of nicotine present in the smoke from water pipe tobacco generated and collected using a water pipe tobacco smoking machine.

This document is only applicable for devices known as “arghile”, “hookah”, “nargile” or “shisha” in which tobacco is only heated, not combusted. Other types, such as “Chinese water pipe”, are not covered.

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

ISO 3402, *Tobacco and tobacco products — Atmosphere for conditioning and testing*

ISO 10315, *Cigarettes — Determination of nicotine in smoke condensates — Gas-chromatographic method*

ISO 22486, *Water pipe tobacco smoking machine — Definitions and standard conditions*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

total collected matter

TCM

portion of the mainstream smoke which is trapped in the *smoke trap* (3.2), expressed as milligrams

3.2

smoke trap

device for collecting such parts of the smoke from a sample as is necessary for determination of specified smoke components

[SOURCE: ISO 3308:2012, 3.15]

3.3

smoking process

use of a smoking machine to smoke the water pipe tobacco from first to final puff