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FOREWORD

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1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies atmospheres for conditioning and testing samples and test pieces of tobacco and tobacco products.

This International Standard is applicable to tests for which a prior conditioning is necessary of tobacco, tobacco products and materials used in the manufacture of tobacco products (for example papers, cigarette filters, etc.). It is not applicable in the case of test methods for which particular conditions are laid down elsewhere.

2 REFERENCE

ISO/R 558, *Conditioning atmosphere, test atmosphere, reference atmosphere — Definitions.*

3 DEFINITIONS

See ISO/R 558.

4 ATMOSPHERES

4.1 Choice of atmospheres

Choose one of the atmospheres laid down in 4.2. In all cases state in the test report the atmosphere selected.

4.2 Conditioning atmospheres

Designation	Temperature	Relative humidity	Atmospheric pressure
	°C	%	mbar
A	22 ± 1	60 ± 1	860 to 1 060
B	22 ± 1	66 ± 1	
C	27 ± 1	66 ± 1	

4.3 Test atmosphere

The test atmosphere shall be the same as the conditioning atmosphere chosen. In cases where this is not practical, it shall be as close as possible to the conditioning atmosphere.

5 CONDITIONING

5.1 Duration of conditioning

For information, in current practice a duration of 24 h is generally found to be sufficient for loose cigarettes or filter rods or unreel papers, using an appropriate installation. This conditioning time can be insufficient for certain samples or test pieces, for example packeted cigarettes or cigarettes in bulk; therefore, in all cases, it should be verified that equilibrium has been properly attained.

5.2 Checking of equilibrium

Equilibrium can be considered to be attained either :

a) when the relative variation of the mass of the sample or test pieces is not greater than 0,2 % in 3 h;

or,

b) when the sample or the test pieces, placed in a closed container of volume similar to that of the sample, give rise to a relative humidity in the container equal to that of the atmosphere chosen (A or B or C).