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pigments —**

**Part 19:
Determination of water-soluble
nitrates (Salicylic acid method)**

Méthodes générales d'essais des pigments —

Partie 19: Détermination des nitrates solubles dans l'eau (Méthode à l'acide salicylique)



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General methods of test for pigments —

Part 19:

Determination of water-soluble nitrates (Salicylic acid method)

1 Scope

This document specifies a general method of test for determining the water-soluble nitrates in a sample of pigments by a spectrophotometric method using salicylic acid.

ISO 787-13 specifies a method for determining the water-soluble nitrates in a sample of pigments using Nessler's method.

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 648, *Laboratory glassware — Single-volume pipettes*

ISO 835, *Laboratory glassware — Graduated pipettes*

ISO 1042, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks*

ISO 15528, *Paints, varnishes and raw materials for paints and varnishes — Sampling*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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/>

4 Principle

The nitrate present in the extract of the pigment sample is used to nitrate salicylic acid in sulphuric acid medium. The nitro-compound formed is of an intensive yellow colour in alkaline solution and the colour is measured spectrometrically at a wavelength of 410 nm.

5 Reagents

All reagents used shall be of recognized analytical reagent quality. Distilled water, or water of equivalent purity, shall be used.

5.1 Sulphuric acid, $\rho = 1,84$ g/ml.

5.2 Sulphuric acid, 5 N.

5.3 Ethanol, a volume fraction of 95 %.

5.4 Sodium salicylate, 5 g/l, freshly prepared.

5.5 Sodium hydroxide, 300 g/l solution.

5.6 Sodium hydroxide, 4 N solution.

5.7 Potassium nitrate, dried at 120 °C and cooled in an desiccator.

6 Apparatus

6.1 Spectrophotometer, suitable for measurements at a wavelength of 410 nm.

6.2 10 mm cells for use with spectrophotometer.

6.3 ph meter.

6.4 One-mark volumetric flask, of a capacity 50 ml, 100 ml, 250 ml and 500 ml, according to ISO 1042.

6.5 Pipettes, capacity 10 ml, according to ISO 648 and ISO 835.

7 Sampling

Take a representative sample of the product to be tested according to ISO 15528.

8 Preparation and calibration graph

8.1 Standard solution I

Weigh $163 \pm 0,1$ mg of the potassium nitrate (5.7), dissolve it in water in the 100 ml one-mark volumetric flask, make up to the mark and mix well.

8.2 Standard solution II

Pipette 10 ml of the standard solution I in to a 500 ml one-mark volumetric flask, make up to the mark and mix well.

8.3 Construction of graph

Pipette 2 ml, 4 ml, 6 ml, 8 ml and 10 ml of the standard solution II (corresponding to 0,04 mg, 0,08 mg, 0,12 mg, 0,16 mg and 0,2 mg of anion NO_3 respectively) into separate 100 ml beakers.

To each beaker, add 1 ml of sodium salicylate solution (5.4), evaporate to dryness on a water-bath and allow cooling in a desiccator. Moisten each dried residue with 1 ml of the sulphuric acid (5.1) and allow standing in the desiccator for 10 min. Afterwards, wash the contents into separate 50 ml one-mark volumetric flasks with water, add 10 ml of the sodium hydroxide solution (5.5) to each and cool to room temperature.

Make up to the mark with water and mix well. Determine and record the absorbance of each of the solutions at 410 nm in 10 mm cells against a solution prepared in the same way as the previous solutions but omitting the nitrate solution.

Construct a graph of absorbance against the mass of anion NO_3 in milligrams.

9 Procedure

9.1 Pipette into a 250 ml one-mark volumetric flask 50 ml of the clear aqueous extract obtained, as appropriate for the pigment under test, by the hot extraction method (see ISO 787-3), or the cold extraction method (see ISO 787-8). Make up to the mark with water and mix.

If the aqueous extract contains chromate proceed as follows:

Place 50 ml of the clear aqueous extract into a 250 ml glass beaker and add 5 ml of sulphuric acid (5.2) and 2 ml of ethanol (5.3). Heat the solution until the chromate present is reduced as indicated by the blue-green colour of the solution and the absence of aldehyde odour; take care to avoid losses by splashing. Cool and add sodium hydroxide solution (5.6) until just alkaline. Cool again and adjust the pH to $8 \pm 0,5$ measured by the pH meter (6.3). Filter through filter paper and wash with hot water, collecting the filtrate and washings in a 250 ml one-mark volumetric flask. Cool, make up the mark and mix.

9.2 Pipette 10 ml of this solution to a 100 ml glass beaker.

If the nitrate content is found to be greater than 0,1 %, carry out a second determination, using 5 ml of solution.

9.3 Add to the beaker 1 ml of sodium salicylate solution (5.4) and proceed as specified in [Clause 8](#), including the determination of the absorbance at 410 nm.

9.4 From the known absorbance of the test solution, determine from the calibration graph the corresponding mass of nitrate in milligrams.

10 Expression of results

Calculate the water-soluble nitrate content expressed as anion NO_3 , as a percentage by mass, with [Formula \(1\)](#):

$$\frac{25a}{2m} \quad (1)$$

where

a is the mass, in milligrams, of anion NO_3 corresponding to the absorbance of the test solution;

m is the mass, in grams, of the pigment from which the clear aqueous extract was obtained.

NOTE If 5 ml of the extract was taken because the nitrate content was greater than 0,1 %, the formula becomes $\frac{25a}{m}$.

11 Test report

The test report shall contain at least the following information:

- all details necessary to identify the product tested (type, identification, etc.);
- a reference to this document, i.e. ISO 787-19:2020;

- c) the result of the test, and whether the hot or the cold extraction method was used;
- d) any deviation, agreed or otherwise, from the test procedure specified;
- e) the date of the test.

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