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Sodium tripolyphosphate and sodium pyrophosphate for industrial use — Determination of loss on ignition

Tripolyphosphate et pyrophosphate de sodium à usage industriel — Détermination de la perte au feu

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FOREWORD

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No member body had expressed disapproval of the Recommendation.

No member body disapproved the transformation of the Recommendation into an International Standard.

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1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the loss on ignition of sodium tripolyphosphate (*pentasodium triphosphate*) and sodium pyrophosphate (*tetrasodium diphosphate*) for industrial use.

2 PRINCIPLE

Ignition of a test portion at 550 ± 25 °C to constant mass.

3 APPARATUS

Ordinary laboratory apparatus and

3.1 Porcelain crucible, of diameter approximately 25 mm.

3.2 Electric furnace, capable of being controlled at 550 ± 25 °C.

4 PROCEDURE

4.1 Test portion

Weigh, to the nearest 0,001 g, approximately 5 g of the test sample, into the porcelain crucible (3.1) previously ignited at 550 °C, cooled in a desiccator and weighed to the nearest 0,000 1 g.

4.2 Determination

Place the crucible containing the test portion (4.1) in the furnace (3.2), start heating and progressively raise the temperature to 550 ± 25 °C. Maintain at this temperature

for about 1 h. Then remove the crucible from the furnace, place in a desiccator, allow to cool and weigh to the nearest 0,000 1 g. Repeat the heating at 550 ± 25 °C until constant mass is reached, i.e. until two consecutive weighings do not differ by more than 0,000 2 g.

5 EXPRESSION OF RESULTS

The loss on ignition is given, as a percentage by mass, by the formula

$$\frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_0} \times 100$$

where

m_0 is the mass, in grams, of the test portion (4.1);

m_1 is the mass, in grams, of the crucible and test portion before ignition;

m_2 is the mass, in grams, of the crucible and test portion after ignition.

6 TEST REPORT

The test report shall include the following particulars :

- the reference of the method used;
- the results and the method of expression used;
- any unusual features noted during the determination;
- any operation not included in this International Standard or regarded as optional.