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## Introduction

Instrumental methods for the analysis of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen are now in widespread and in regular use, often in preference to formerly developed chemical methods for which International Standards exist.

The reliable determination of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen is important for quality control and the results can be used as input parameters for calculations applied to the combustion of solid biofuels. The environmental importance of the nitrogen content is linked to emissions of  $\text{NO}_x$  (formation of fuel  $\text{NO}_x$ ). Hydrogen content is important for calculation of the net calorific value. Carbon content is required for the determination of  $\text{CO}_2$ -emissions.

It is recognized that the Kjeldahl method is most reliable for determining nitrogen contents with a concentration lower than 0,1 %. Possible suitable methods are summarized in the bibliography.



# Solid biofuels — Determination of total content of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen

## 1 Scope

This International Standard describes a method for the determination of total carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen contents in solid biofuels.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 16559, *Solid biofuels — Terminology, definitions and descriptions*

ISO 14780<sup>1)</sup>, *Solid Biofuels — Sample preparation*

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