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Standard Practice for Determination of Precision and Bias Data for Use in Test Methods for Petroleum Products and Lubricants¹

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INTRODUCTION

Both Research Report D02:1007, *Manual on Determining Precision Data for ASTM Methods on Petroleum Products and Lubricants* (1)² and the ISO 4259, benefitted greatly from more than 50 years of collaboration between ASTM and the Institute of Petroleum (IP) in the UK. The more recent work was documented by the IP and has become ISO 4259.

ISO 4259 encompasses both the determination of precision and the application of such precision data. In effect, it combines the type of information in RR:D02–1007³ regarding the determination of the precision estimates and the type of information in Practice D 3244 for the utilization of test data. The following practice, intended to replace RR:D02–1007,³ differs slightly from related portions of the ISO standard. This new practice is consistent with the computer software, *Calculation of Precision Data: Petroleum Test Methods*.⁴

1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers the necessary preparations and planning for the conduct of interlaboratory programs for the development of estimates of precision (determinability, repeatability, and reproducibility) and of bias (absolute and relative), and further presents the standard phraseology for incorporating such information into standard test methods.

1.2 This practice is generally limited to homogeneous products with which serious sampling problems do not normally arise.

1.3 This practice may not be suitable for solid or semisolid products such as petroleum coke, industrial pitches, paraffin waxes, greases, or solid lubricants when the heterogeneous properties of the substances create sampling problems. In such instances, use Practice E 691 or consult a trained statistician.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 123 Terminology Relating to Textiles⁵

D 3244 Practice for Utilization of Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications⁶

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications⁷

E 456 Terminology Relating to Quality and Statistics⁷

E 691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method⁷

2.2 ISO Standards:

ISO 4259 Petroleum Products-Determination and Application of Precision Data in Relation to Methods of Test⁸

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *analysis of variance (ANOVA)*, *n*—a procedure for dividing the total variation of a set of data into two or more parts, one of which estimates the error due to selecting and testing specimens and the other part(s) possible sources of added variation. **D 123**

3.1.2 *bias*, *n*—the difference between the population mean of the test results and an accepted reference value. **E 456**

3.1.3 *bias, relative*, *n*—the difference between the population mean of the test results and an accepted reference value, which is the agreed upon value obtained using an accepted reference method for measuring the same property.

3.1.4 *degrees of freedom*, *n*—the divisor used in the calculation of variance.

¹ This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D02 on Petroleum Products and Lubricants and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D02.94 on Quality Assurance and Statistics.

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² The bold numbers in parentheses refer to a list of references at the end of this practice.

³ Supporting data have been filed at ASTM International Headquarters and may be obtained by requesting Research Report RR:D02–1007.

⁴ Available from ASTM International. Reference number PCN 13-402000-12.

⁵ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 07.01.

⁶ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 05.02.

⁷ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02.

⁸ Available from International Organization for Standardization, 1 rue de Varembé, Case postale 56, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland.