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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee CH/16, Spectroscopy to supersede AS 3641.1—1989.

The objective of this Standard is to describe recommended procedures, principles and techniques involved in the setting up and operation of arc/spark discharge atomic emission spectrometers and inductively coupled plasma instruments for use in chemical methods of analysis. A section on analytical quality assurance has been added to the Standard. The recommendations in this Standard are intended to apply to Australian Standard methods for atomic emission spectrometric analysis.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE This Standard sets out recommendations for instrumentation and operating procedures in the application of atomic emission spectrometry to chemical analysis.

NOTE: This Standard should be read in conjunction with the instrument manufacturer's recommendations.

1.2 PRINCIPLES OF THE ATOMIC EMISSION TECHNIQUE When atoms of elements are excited using a suitable excitation source they emit electromagnetic radiation in the form of a spectrum. The spectrum of each element is determined primarily by the electronic configuration of the atom and, as atoms of different elements have different electronic configurations, each element has a distinct and characteristic spectrum. The characteristic spectrum consists of a number of wavelengths which correspond to the emission of electromagnetic radiation arising from the transition of electrons in various excited states to lower energy states. The intensity of the electromagnetic radiation which is emitted at a characteristic wavelength is proportional to the concentration of the element in the sample.

1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS The documents below are referred to in this Standard:

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