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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee MN/6, Ferroalloys to provide specifications for ferromanganese.

This Standard is based on ISO 5446:1980, *Ferromanganese—Specification and conditions of delivery* and other National Standards. However, ISO 5446 is a very general document having limited commercial application to the Australian industry. The following particular points are of relevance:

- (a) Chemical analysis for the major element, in this case manganese, must comply with a specified concentration range. Material that does not fall within this concentration range warrants a complaint. The ISO Standard refers only to nominal target concentrations.
- (b) Many clauses of ISO 5446 make mention of 'agreement between the parties concerned'. Such statements in relation to the specifications render the document unacceptable as an Australian Standard.
- (c) The general terminology in ISO 5446 is unacceptable as an Australia Standard. Terms such as *preferably; other methods; may be used; may be used* detract from the reasons for preparing specifications.

The objective of this Standard is to prepare an appropriate Australian document, which clearly defines specifications and test methods to be used and reflects the real needs of producers, traders and customers in the ferroalloys industry in Australia.

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