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Foreword

This standard was prepared by Joint Technical Committee PK-019, Methods of Test for Pulp and Paper, as part of AS/NZS 1301, *Methods of test for pulp and paper*.

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Introduction

The objective of this standard is to assist users of other parts of AS/NZS 1301. It is consistent with those statistical procedures contained in ISO standards 2602, 2854, 3534 and 5725 which are appropriate for use in pulp and paper testing.

Other similar standards are:

TAPPI T1200sp

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T1206sp

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Statistical concepts used in pulp and paper testing

1 Scope

The procedures and concepts of this standard are those to be used in the calculation and interpretation of test results obtained by methods described in other parts of AS/NZS 1301.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in this Standard.

AS

1301.417s Sampling paper, board and pulp for testing

AS/NZS

1301.402rp Statistical monitoring of test systems

3 Definitions

The definitions given below are relevant in the application of this standard to paper testing and may be more specific than similar definitions used in general statistical applications.

3.1 accuracy: closeness of agreement between the test result obtained by a particular test system (combination of one operator, one apparatus and one laboratory) and the true value of the sample.

3.2 confidence interval: the interval which is believed, with a stated level of confidence, to include the true value of the parameter being estimated. It is usually expressed as the estimated value plus/minus half the interval length.

3.3 confidence limits: the limits of the confidence interval.

3.4 constancy: the degree to which the test result on a particular sample by a particular test system will remain constant over time.

3.5 median: the value of that result in a set of results, where the number of results higher than it is equal to the number of results lower than it. In a set comprising an even number of results, in which there may be two such results, the median is the mean of those two results.

3.6 population: the total lot or batch of which the sample is representative.

3.7 probability: the likelihood, on a scale of 0 to 1, of a particular outcome. Probability is denoted by P .

3.8 random error: a component of the error which, during the conduct of a number of tests for the same characteristic, varies in an unpredictable way.

3.9 repeatability: the maximum difference, at a confidence level of 95%, likely to occur between two test results obtained on a particular sample by a particular test system at a particular time. Repeatability is usually denoted by r .

3.10 replicate test: a single performance of the procedure of the test on a single test piece.

3.11 reproducibility: the maximum difference, at a confidence level of 95%, likely to occur between test results obtained by two different test systems on the same sample. Reproducibility is usually denoted by R .

3.12 sample: a portion of a specific lot or batch of pulp, paper, board or other material so selected as to be representative of the whole lot or batch.

NOTE 1 — In the case of a lot of paper or board, the sample has to be taken in accordance with AS 1301.417s.