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Nanotechnologies - Lignes directrices sur les protocoles permettant de déterminer les caractéristiques d'explosivité et d'inflammabilité des poudres contenant des nano-objets (en vue de leur transport, manipulation et stockage)

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## European foreword

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## 1 Scope

This document provides protocol guidelines for determining explosivity and flammability characteristics of powders containing manufactured nano-objects. These explosivity and flammability characteristics are needed for safety data sheets for safe storage, handling and transport of any powder.

In particular, this document will provide protocol guidelines concerning:

- the determination of flammability characteristics of powders containing nano-objects with regard to sensitivity to ignition sources;
- the ability of a powder containing nano-objects to generate an explosive atmosphere and the assessment of its explosion characteristics.

This document is not suitable for use with recognized explosives, such as gunpowder and dynamite, explosives which do not require oxygen for combustion, or substances or mixtures of substances which may under some circumstances behave in a similar manner. Where any doubt exists about the existence of hazard due to explosive properties, it is best to seek expert advice.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 14034-1:2004+A1:2011, *Determination of explosion characteristics of dust clouds — Part 1: Determination of the maximum explosion pressure  $p_{max}$  of dust clouds*

EN 14034-2:2006+A1:2011, *Determination of explosion characteristics of dust clouds — Part 2: Determination of the maximum rate of explosion pressure rise  $(dp/dt)_{max}$  of dust clouds*

EN 14034-3:2006+A1:2011, *Determination of explosion characteristics of dust clouds — Part 3: Determination of the lower explosion limit LEI of dust clouds*

EN 14034-4:2004+A1:2011, *Determination of explosion characteristics of dust clouds — Part 4: Determination of the limiting oxygen concentration LOC of dust clouds*

EN ISO/IEC 80079-20-2:2016, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 20-2: Material characteristics — Combustible dusts test methods (ISO/IEC 80079-20-2:2016)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

**powder**  
assembly of discrete particles usually less than 1 mm in size

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