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This ISO Technical Specification/IDF Reviewed Method replaces the standard IDF 87:1979, *Instant dried milk — Determination of the dispersibility and wettability* which has been withdrawn.

## Introduction

The degree to which a dried milk is “instant” depends on various properties which can be classified as wettability, sinkability, dispersibility, and solubility. The first three affects the last to some extent and, hence, dispersibility, as defined and determined in this Technical Specification, is probably the best single criterion for assessing the overall instant characteristics of a dried milk. Provisional recommendations for acceptable dispersibility values for instant dried skimmed milk and instant dried whole milk are given in [Annex A](#). Although wettability is a property not easily distinguishable from sinkability and is difficult to measure accurately, in milk powders, an approximate determination of wettability, which can be made rapidly, provides a useful indication of the degree to which a dried milk is likely to possess instant characteristics. In [Annex B](#), a rapid routine method for the determination of the wettability (wetting time) in water of instant dried milk is described.

# Instant dried milk — Determination of the dispersibility and wettability

## 1 Scope

This Technical Specification specifies a method for the determination of the dispersibility in water of instant dried milk.

The method is applicable to instant dried skimmed milk manufactured by either the “straight-through” or the “re-wet” process and also to instant dried whole milk.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 5537|IDF 26, *Dried milk — Determination of moisture content (Reference method)*

ISO 6731|IDF 21, *Milk, cream and evaporated milk — Determination of total solids content (Reference method)*

## 3 Principle

A test portion of the sample of known moisture content is evenly spread on the surface of water at a temperature of 25 °C. The mixture is stirred manually for a short time; then, part of the mixture is filtered through a sieve, and the total solids content of the collected liquid determined. Dispersibility is calculated from the mass of the test portion and the values for moisture content and total solids content.

## 4 Reagents

Use only distilled or demineralized water or water of equivalent purity.

## 5 Apparatus

5.1 **Container**, capacity about twice the volume of the laboratory sample ([Clause 6](#)), with airtight lid.

5.2 **Apparatus**, as specified in ISO 5537|IDF 26.

5.3 **Balance**, top-pan, capable of being read to the nearest 0,1 g.

5.4 **Scoop**, suitable for transporting the test portion ([8.3.2](#)) for weighing.

5.5 **Thermometer**, suitable for measuring a temperature of  $(25 \pm 1)$  °C.

5.6 **Glass beaker**, with spout, capacity 600 ml, external diameter  $(90 \pm 2)$  mm, overall height  $(126 \pm 3)$  mm, graduated at 150 ml and 250 ml, with the rim lying in a horizontal plane parallel to the base [see [Figure 1 a](#)].

5.7 **Glass plate**, 120 mm × 120 mm, thickness 2,5 mm, with ground edges [see [Figure 1 a](#)].