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1 Scope

This document specifies a continuous measurement method for the determination of the concentrations of nitrogen dioxide and nitrogen monoxide present in ambient air based on the chemiluminescence measuring principle. This document describes the performance characteristics and sets the relevant minimum criteria required to select an appropriate chemiluminescence analyser by means of type testing. It also includes the evaluation of the suitability of an analyser for use in a specific fixed site so as to meet the data quality requirements (see Annex I of Directive 2008/50/EC [1] for additional information) and requirements during sampling, calibration and quality assurance for use.

The method is applicable to the determination of the concentration of nitrogen dioxide present in ambient air up to 500 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. This concentration range represents the certification range for nitrogen dioxide for type testing.

The method is applicable to the determination of the concentration of nitrogen monoxide present in ambient air up to 1 200 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. This concentration range represents the certification range for nitrogen monoxide for the type testing.

NOTE 1 It is possible to use other ranges depending on the levels present in ambient air.

NOTE 2 Exemplar uncertainty budget calculations are given in Annexes F to H referring to Directive 2008/50/EC [1]. In the event that the Limit Values are updated in future iterations of Directive 2008/50/EC [1], the user can use these new values to calculate measurement uncertainties.

The method covers the determination of ambient air concentrations of nitrogen dioxide and nitrogen monoxide in zones classified as rural areas, urban-background areas, traffic-orientated locations and locations influenced by industrial sources.

The results are expressed in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (at 20 °C and 101,3 kPa).

NOTE 3 500 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ of nitrogen dioxide corresponds to 261 nmol/mol of nitrogen dioxide at 20 °C and 101,3 kPa. 1 200 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ of nitrogen monoxide corresponds to 962 nmol/mol of nitrogen monoxide at 20 °C and 101,3 kPa.

This document contains information for different groups of users.

Clause 5 to Clause 7 and Annex B and Annex C contain general information about the principles of NO_x measurement by chemiluminescence analyser and sampling equipment.

Clause 8, Annex E is specifically directed towards test houses and laboratories that perform type testing of NO_x analysers. These sections contain information about:

- type testing conditions, test procedures and test requirements;
- analyser performance requirements;
- evaluation of the type testing results;
- evaluation of the associated uncertainty of the measurement performed by the NO_x analyser based on the type testing results.

Clause 9 to Clause 11 and Annex F and Annex G are directed towards monitoring networks performing the practical measurements of NO_x in ambient air. These sections contain information about:

- initial installation of the analyser in the monitoring network and acceptance testing;
- ongoing quality assurance/quality control;
- calculation and reporting of measurement results;

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— evaluation of the associated uncertainty of the measurements under practical monitoring conditions.

This document represents an evolution of earlier editions (EN 14211:2005 and EN 14211:2012).

NOTE 4 Analysers type tested prior to the publication of this document can still be used for regulated monitoring purposes. As newer versions of analysers tested under this document become available, discontinue the use of older reference analysers.

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 15267-1, *Air quality - Assessment of air quality monitoring equipment - Part 1: General principles of certification*

EN 15267-2, *Air quality - Assessment of air quality monitoring equipment - Part 2: Initial assessment of the manufacturer's quality management system and post certification surveillance for the manufacturing process*

EN ISO 6142-1, *Gas analysis — Preparation of calibration gas mixtures — Gravimetric method (ISO 6142-1)*

EN ISO 6143, *Gas analysis - Comparison methods for determining and checking the composition of calibration gas mixtures (ISO 6143)*

EN ISO 6144, *Gas analysis - Preparation of calibration gas mixtures - Static volumetric method (ISO 6144)*

EN ISO 6145-6, *Gas analysis - Preparation of calibration gas mixtures using dynamic methods - Part 6: Critical flow orifices (ISO 6145-6)*

EN ISO 6145-7, *Gas analysis - Preparation of calibration gas mixtures using dynamic methods - Part 7: Thermal mass-flow controllers (ISO 6145-7)*

EN ISO 6145-10, *Gas analysis - Preparation of calibration gas mixtures using dynamic volumetric methods - Part 10: Permeation method (ISO 6145-10)*

EN ISO 14956, *Air quality - Evaluation of the suitability of a measurement procedure by comparison with a required measurement uncertainty (ISO 14956)*

ISO 19229, *Gas analysis - Purity analysis and the treatment of purity data*

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:

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

3.1

adjustment of a measuring system

set of operations carried out on a measuring system so that it provides prescribed indications corresponding to given values of a quantity to be measured

Note 1 to entry: Types of adjustment of a measuring system include zero adjustment of a measuring system, offset adjustment, and span adjustment (sometimes called gain adjustment).

Note 2 to entry: Adjustment of a measuring system should not be confused with calibration, which is a prerequisite for adjustment.

Note 3 to entry: In the context of this document, adjustment is generally performed on measurement data rather than on the analyser.

[SOURCE: JCGM 200:2012, 3.11] [2]

3.2

ambient air

outdoor air in the troposphere where provisions concerning health and safety at work apply and to which members of the public do not have regular access

Note 1 to entry: This excluding workplaces as defined by Directive 89/654/EEC.

[SOURCE: Council Directive 2008/50/EC] [1]

3.3

analyser

measuring system that provides an output signal which is a function of the concentration or partial pressure of one or more components in a gas mixture and flow or temperature of this gas mixture

3.4

availability of the analyser

fraction of the time period for which valid measuring data of the ambient air concentration is available from an analyser

EN 14211:2024 (E)**3.5
calibration**

operation that, under specified conditions, in a first step, establishes a relation between the quantity values with measurement uncertainties provided by measurement standards and corresponding indications with associated measurement uncertainties and, in a second step, uses this information to establish a relation for obtaining a measurement result from an indication

Note 1 to entry: A calibration can be expressed by a statement, calibration function, calibration diagram, calibration curve, or calibration table. In some cases, it can consist of an additive or multiplicative correction of the indication with associated measurement uncertainty.

Note 2 to entry: Calibration should not be confused with adjustment of a measuring system, often mistakenly called "self-calibration", nor with verification of a calibration.

Note 3 to entry: Often, the first step alone in the above definition is perceived as being calibration.

Note 4 to entry: In the context of this document, calibration is a comparison of the analyser response to a known gas concentration with a known uncertainty when the information obtained from the comparison is used for the successive adjustment (if needed) of the analyser.

[SOURCE: JCGM 200:2012, 2.39] [2]

**3.6
certification range**

concentration range for which the analyser is type tested

**3.7
check**

verification that the analyser is still operating within specified performance limits

**3.8
combined standard uncertainty**

standard uncertainty of the result of a measurement when that result is obtained from the values of a number of other quantities, equal to the positive square root of a sum of terms, the terms being the variances or co-variances of these other quantities weighted according to how the measurement result varies with changes in these quantities

[SOURCE: JCGM 100:2008, 2.3.4] [3]

**3.9
converter efficiency**

degree of conversion of nitrogen dioxide present in the sample gas into nitrogen monoxide, given as a percentage

**3.10
coverage factor**

numerical factor used as a multiplier of the combined standard uncertainty in order to obtain an expanded uncertainty

[SOURCE: JCGM 100:2008, 2.3.6] [3]

**3.11
competent body**

organization which can demonstrate its competence for a specific task to the national competent authority of the Member State

3.12**detection limit**

smallest concentration of a measurand that can be reliably detected by a specific measurement process

Note 1 to entry: The detection limit is calculated as $3,3 \times (s_{r,z}/B)$ where $s_{r,z}$ is the standard deviation of analyser response at zero measurand concentration (see 8.4.5) and B is the slope of the calibration function [4].

3.13**expanded uncertainty**

quantity defining an interval about the result of a measurement that may be expected to encompass a large fraction of the distribution of values that could reasonably be attributed to the measurand

Note 1 to entry: The fraction can be viewed as the coverage probability or level of confidence of the interval.

Note 2 to entry: To associate a specific level of confidence with the interval defined by the expanded uncertainty requires explicit or implicit assumptions regarding the probability distribution characterized by the measurement result and its combined standard uncertainty. The level of confidence that can be attributed to this interval can be known only to the extent to which such assumptions can be justified.

[SOURCE: JCGM 100:2008, 2.3.5] [3]

Note 3 to entry: For the purpose of this document, the expanded uncertainty is the combined standard uncertainty multiplied by a coverage factor $k = 2$ resulting in an interval with a level of confidence of 95 %.

3.14**fall time**

difference between the response time (fall) and the lag time (fall)

3.15**independent measurement**

individual measurement that is not influenced by a previous individual measurement by separating two individual measurements by at least four response times

Note 1 to entry: The largest value of response time (rise) and response time (fall) are intended.

3.16**individual measurement**

measurement averaged over a time period equal to the response time of the analyser

Note 1 to entry: The largest value of response time (rise) and response time (fall) are intended.

Note 2 to entry: This definition differs from the meaning of the concept “individual measurement” in Directive 2008/50/EC [1].

3.17**influence quantity**

quantity that is not the measurand but that affects the result of the measurement

[SOURCE: JCGM 100:2008, B.2.10] [3]

3.18**interferent**

component of the air sample, excluding the measured constituent, that affects the output signal

EN 14211:2024 (E)**3.19****lack of fit**

maximum deviation from the linear regression line of the average of a series of measurement results at the same concentration

3.20**lag time**

time interval from the moment at which a step change of sample concentration occurs at the inlet of the analyser to the moment at which the output reading reaches a level corresponding to a predefined change of the stable output reading

3.21**limit value**

level fixed on the basis of scientific knowledge, with the aim of avoiding, preventing or reducing harmful effects on human health and/or the environment as a whole, to be attained within a given period and not to be exceeded once attained

[SOURCE: Council Directive 2008/50/EC] [1]

3.22**long-term drift**

difference between zero or span readings over a determined period of time (e.g., period of unattended operation)

3.23**monitoring station**

enclosure located in the field in which an analyser has been installed to monitor concentrations of one or more ambient air pollutants

3.24**parallel measurement**

measurement from different analysers, sampling with the same sampling system, starting at the same time and ending at the same time

Note 1 to entry: sampling can be performed from one and the same sampling manifold or with identical individual sampling lines

3.25**performance characteristic**

one of the parameters assigned to equipment in order to define its performance

3.26**performance criterion**

limiting quantitative numerical value assigned to a performance characteristic, to which conformance is tested

3.27**period of unattended operation**

time period over which the drift complies with the performance criterion for long-term drift

3.28**repeatability of results of measurement**

closeness of the agreement between the results of successive individual measurements of nitrogen monoxide and nitrogen dioxide carried out under the same conditions of measurement

Note 1 to entry: These conditions include:

- a) the same measurement procedure;
- b) the same observer;
- c) the same analyser, used under the same conditions;
- d) at the same location;
- e) repetition over a short period of time.

3.29**reproducibility under field conditions**

closeness of the agreement between the results of simultaneous measurements with two analysers in ambient air carried out under the same conditions of measurement

Note 1 to entry: These conditions are called field reproducibility conditions and include:

- a) the same measurement procedure;
- b) two identical analysers, used under the same conditions;
- c) at the same monitoring station;
- d) the period of unattended operation.

3.30**residence time inside the analyser**

time period for the sampled air to be transported from the inlet of the analyser to the reaction chamber for the NO-channel

3.31**residence time in the sampling system**

time period for the sampled air to be transferred to the inlet of the analyser

3.32**response time**

time interval from the instant at which a step change of sample concentration occurs at the inlet of the analyser to the instant at which the output reading reaches a level corresponding to a predefined change of the output reading

3.33**sampled air**

part of ambient air that is transferred through the sampling inlet and sampling system for subsequent measurement

EN 14211:2024 (E)**3.34****sample gas temperature**

temperature of the sampled gas at the sample inlet

Note 1 to entry: The term “gas” can refer to a test gas used in type testing or to ambient air transferred to the analyser.

3.35**sampling system**

the assembly of components needed to transfer ambient air to the analyser

3.36**short-term drift**

difference between zero or span readings at the beginning and end of a 12 h period

3.37**standard uncertainty**

uncertainty of the result of a measurement expressed as a standard deviation

[SOURCE: JCGM 100:2008, 2.3.1] [3]

3.38**surrounding temperature**

temperature of the air directly surrounding the analyser

3.39**total residence time**

sum of the residence time in the sampling system and the residence time inside the analyser

3.40**type testing**

examination of two or more analysers of the same design which are submitted by a manufacturer to a competent body including the tests necessary for approval of the design (determination of fitness for purpose of a specific device model/of an unambiguous designated analyser)

Note 1 to entry: In EN 15267-1 and -2, type testing is referred to as performance testing.

3.41**uncertainty of measurement**

parameter associated with the result of a measurement that characterizes the dispersion of the values that could reasonably be attributed to the measurand

[SOURCE: JCGM 100:2008, 2.2.3 [3]]

4 Abbreviated terms

AMS	automated measuring system (sometimes referred to as continuous automated measuring system (CAMS))
PFA	perfluoro-alkoxy
PTFE	Polytetrafluoroethylene