European standardization project on detection and identification of nano-objects in complex matrices

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ISO/TC 24/SC 4 „Particle Characterization“

WG1 Results representation, WG2-17 Measurement methods

“vertically”, measurement methodology oriented

ISO/TC 229 „Nanotechnologies“

WG1 Terminology, WG2 Measurement, WG3 HSE-Aspects, WG4 Material spec.

“horizontally”, interdisciplinary, application oriented

CEN/TC 352 „Nanotechnologies“

WG1 Measurement, WG2 Commercial Aspects, WG3 HSE-Aspects
Assemblies of nanoparticles or nano-objects, which extend the nanoscale, are covered by ISO/TS 80004-4 "Nanotechnologies - Terminology and definitions for nanostructured materials."

**Besides:**
- **NOAA** (Description from WG3, summarization of 2 definitions):
  - **Nano-objects** and their larger **Agglomerates and Aggregates** (Nanostructured material)

**European Commission** definition (decision) draft: count median $x_{50,0} < 100$ nm
A **vocabulary** on particle characterization with more than 250 definitions from A like adsorbate to Z like zeta-potential, which are included within more than 35 published ISO standards, was published as ISO 26824:2013.

The corresponding definitions are freely available at the ISO Online Browsing Platform (https://www.iso.org/obp).
Nanotechnologies – Guidance on detection and identification of nano-objects in complex matrices

Scope

This Technical Specification provides guidelines for detection and identification of specific nano-objects in complex matrices, like liquid environmental compartments and waste water. This Technical Specification assumes a prior knowledge of the nature of the nano-objects like their chemical composition. The selected detection and identification methods are based on combination of size classification and chemical composition analysis.

Corresponding requirements for sampling and sample preparation will be given. Identification can also be supported e.g. by additional morphology characterization. The document will provide links to measurement method standards if available.
Content

• Examples for detection and identification tasks in complex matrices
• Overview of measurement techniques
  – General
  – Not established methods which are still under development
  – Guidance for the selection of a method for a certain task
• Selected measuring techniques for the detection and identification
  – Measuring principle
  – Performance (e.g. sensitivity, selectivity, reproducibility, limits)
  – Sample preparation
  – Interpretation of results

Time frame
Selected measuring techniques and involved experts

1. Field-Flow-Fractionation
   Dr. Frank von der Kammer (University of Vienna, Dep. of Environmental Geosciences, AU)

2. Scanning Electron Microscopy
   Dr. Ralf Kägi (Eawag - Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology, CH)

3. Transmission Electron Microscopy
   Dr. Jan Mast (CODA CERVA, BE)

4. Single-Particle Inductively Coupled Plasma mass Spectroscopy
   Dr. Ruud Peters (RIKILT Institute of Food Safety, NL)

5. Alternative methods are described by
   Mr. Franky Puype (Institute for Testing and Certification, CZ)
1. Draft (32 pages) sent out to 28 registered experts for information and comments in Word-template until 23rd of March, 2015:

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Nanotechnologies — Guidance on detection and identification of nano-objects in complex matrices

Einführendes Element — Haupt-Element — Ergänzendes Element

Nanotechnologies — Guide pour la détection et l’identification des nano-objets dans des matrices complexes
5. **Examples for detection and identification tasks in complex matrices**

For product safety or risk evaluation studies several examples are under investigation in different European research projects like silica in tomato soup (finished project: NanoLyse) or titania in sun-lotion or silver nanoparticles in waste water or pigment and filler nanoparticles in surface coatings or polymer composites as well as carbon nanotubes in composites.

Elementary composition or morphology are already known properties of this manufactured nano-objects and should be used to distinguish it from natural background nano-objects.
Example 7.1: Flow-Field-Flow-Fractionation (FFF) technique

Figure 1 — Layout and separation principle of F4 (by courtesy of F. von der Kammer)
CEN/TC 352/WG 3/PG 2 meeting on **April 1st, 2015** (9:00 to 12:00)

European Commission Joint Research Centre / Nanobiosciences Unit

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1 Welcoming and opening of the meeting (9:00 am)
2 Roll call of experts
3 Adoption of the agenda
4 Approval of the last WG 3/PG 2 meeting's minutes held on 2014/10/15
   - Comments
5 Presentation of the first PWI draft
   - *Field-Flow-Fractionation*
   - *Transmission Electron Microscopy*– *Scanning Electron Microscopy*
   - *Single-Particle-ICP-MS*
   - *alternative characterization methods*
6 Presentation and discussion of comments
   - sent until 23rd of March, 2015
7 Actions to be agreed
   - next steps, time table
8 Preparation of the next meeting
   - date, venue, home work
9 Any other business
You are invited to contribute

- as an invited guest at the next Project Group meeting
- by correspondence as expert with the project leader

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Thank you!