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devices for pharmaceutical use —**

**Part 2:
Identification and characterization**

AMENDMENT 1

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Amendment 1 to ISO 8871-2:2003 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 76, *Transfusion, infusion and injection equipment for medical and pharmaceutical use*.

This amendment specifies an additional infrared (IR) spectroscopy method coupled with an attenuated total reflection device for the characterization of rubber material by obtaining a fingerprint IR spectrum.

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Add the following item to the list after Annex G:

Annex H (informative) Determination of a fingerprint by surface infrared spectroscopy (ATR, attenuated total reflection)

page 2, Subclause 3.5

Replace 3.5 by the following:

3.5 Infrared spectrum

A very simple method to create a fingerprint of a rubber material is to record an infrared (IR) spectrum. The two common methods for obtaining an IR spectrum of a rubber material are pyrolysis IR and surface IR/ATR (attenuated total reflectance)-technique.

The pyrolysis IR can be obtained as described in Annex A. The surface IR/ATR can be obtained as described in Annex H. The spectra should be compared to a spectrum obtained by the same IR-method on a reference sample of the material.

In practice, pyrolysis IR requires a time-consuming sample preparation and in addition needs the cautious handling of hazardous vapours and oils.

In contrast to this, the surface IR/ATR offers the possibility to obtain a fingerprint from an elastomeric part with minimum or no sample preparation.

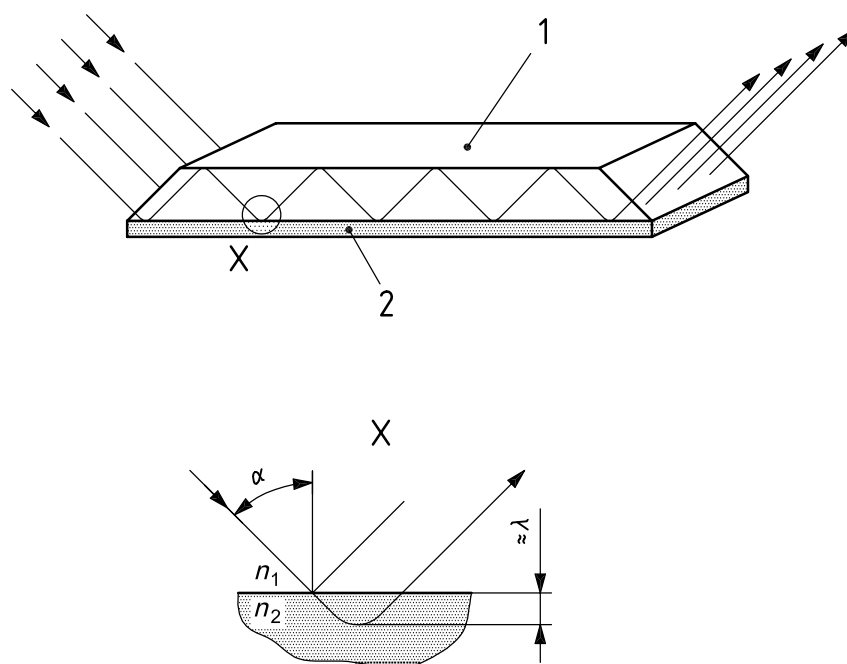
Add a new Annex H as follows:

Annex H (informative)

Determination of a fingerprint by surface infrared spectroscopy (ATR, attenuated total reflection)

H.1 General

The principle of ATR measurement is shown in Figure H.1¹⁾.



Key

- α angle of incident light
- λ wavelength of the radiation used
- n refractive index of crystal (n_1) and test specimen (n_2)
- 1 ATR-crystal
- 2 rubber material (test specimen)

Figure H.1 — Test specimen at the ATR-crystal and pathway of IR-beam

1) For more information refer to relevant literature or ISO surface infrared measurements.

H.2 Apparatus

H.2.1 Fourier transform infrared spectrometer (FTIR-spectrometer).

H.2.2 ATR-device.

H.3 Preparation of samples

H.3.1 For sample preparation, provide flat contact surfaces.

H.3.2 Cut the elastomeric part along an appropriate axis and take the cut edge as surface for measuring.

NOTE This provides an elastomeric spectrum without the influence of coatings. Also bands from silicone oil that is often applied to the surface of elastomeric closures, in this way will not disturb the spectrum of the elastomeric material.

H.4 Procedure

H.4.1 General

Conventional ATR is only appropriate for elastomeric parts, which have extended flat surfaces to be in contact with the ATR crystal.

Single bounce ATR is necessary if only small surfaces are available to be in contact with the ATR-crystal. Low contact areas give better results for strongly absorbing rubber samples (e.g. high filler content, carbon black as filler).

ATR equipment for an IR microscope provides also access to very small flat contact areas.

The refractive index of the crystal material determines among others (e.g. angle of incident light, wavelength) the depth of the penetration of the IR-light into the substrate.

The crystal material is chosen to be dependent on the absorbance characteristics of the analyte. In the case of highly absorbing elastomeric materials (e.g. carbon black filled formulations) a lower depth of penetration and/or a small contact area provide appropriate spectra.

H.4.2 Examination of the samples by ATR

Put the flat surface(s) of the elastomeric part(s) on the ATR crystal. Apply a constant (reproducible) pressure to get close contact.

Measure a spectrum from 700 cm^{-1} to $3\,800\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

H.5 Expression of results

H.5.1 The result is a spectrum in transmission mode (% transmission) obtained as surface IR from wave-number 700 cm^{-1} to $3\,800\text{ cm}^{-1}$. The range of spectrum may be slightly shifted depending on the crystal-material chosen. It can be compared to a reference spectrum with respect to the characteristic wave numbers.

H.5.2 Report the experimental conditions such as resolution, number of scans and bench purging.

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