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Foreword

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- The minimum cutting aperture for cross-belt cutters in [8.3.2.3](#) i) has been reduced to 30 mm.
- A NOTE has been added to [15.4.10](#) indicating that ribbons with smaller dimensions can be formed depending on the mass of sample to be divided, and that the ribbon division method is particularly suitable for dividing chemical analysis samples.
- The requirements for preparation of chemical analysis samples in [16.2](#) have been expanded.

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1 Scope

This document sets out the basic methods for sampling copper, lead, zinc and nickel concentrates from moving streams and stationary lots, including stopped-belt sampling, to provide samples for chemical analysis, physical testing and determination of moisture content, in accordance with the relevant International Standards. Where the concentrates are susceptible to significant oxidation or decomposition, a common sample that is sufficiently representative, i.e. unbiased and sufficiently precise, is used for moisture determination and chemical analysis to eliminate bias (see [ISO 10251](#)). Any large agglomerates (>10 mm) present in the primary sample are crushed prior to further sample processing. Sampling of concentrates in slurry form is specifically excluded from this document.

Stopped-belt sampling is the reference method for collecting concentrate samples against which mechanical and manual-sampling procedures can be compared. Sampling from moving streams is the preferred method. Both falling-stream and cross-belt samplers are described.

Sampling from stationary lots is used only where sampling from moving streams is not possible. The procedures described in this document for sampling from stationary lots only minimize some of the systematic sampling errors.

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.

[ISO 10251](#), *Copper, lead, zinc and nickel concentrates — Determination of mass loss of bulk material on drying*

[ISO 12744](#), *Copper, lead, zinc and nickel concentrates — Experimental methods for checking the precision of sampling*

[ISO 13292](#), *Copper, lead, zinc and nickel concentrates — Experimental methods for checking the bias of sampling*

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>
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