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Hazard communication issues

Information relating to nanomaterials for inclusion on the guidance on the preparation of Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

Transmitted by the expert from Australia[1]

Background

1. This topic was previously addressed in the document by the expert from France to the seventeenth session of the GHS Sub-Committee, 29 June – 1 July 2009 (see, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2009/3), and by the expert from Australia to the eighteenth session of the Sub-Committee, 9-11 December 2009 (see, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2009/11).

2. Australia proposed that the Sub-Committee consider the additional physicochemical information items listed below, for inclusion in section A4.3.9.3 of Annex 4 of the GHS:

(a) Particle size and size distribution;

(b) Shape and aspect ratio;

(c) Crystallinity;

(d) Dustiness;

(e) Surface area;

[1] In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2009-2010 approved by the Committee at its fourth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/32, Annex 2 and ST/SG/AC.10/36, paragraph 14).

(f) Degree of aggregation or agglomeration; and

(g) Biodurability or biopersistence.

3. The Sub-Committee gave general support for the inclusion of information on these parameters in the SDS, but the specific proposal for addition to the GHS was considered premature, pending further work by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and elsewhere to progress test methods.

Introduction

4. Australia is currently preparing guidance material to accompany its proposed regulations to implement the GHS for workplace chemicals from 2012. This includes revising the “National Code of Practice for the Preparation of Safety Data Sheets (SDS)”, to align it with the third revised edition of the GHS, Annex 4. In revising the SDS Code of Practice, Australia has given consideration to the requirements of SDS for engineered nanomaterials.

5. This work has been informed by the findings of the research report commissioned by Safe Work Australia entitled “An evaluation of MSDS and labels associated with the use of engineered nanomaterials” (available at: http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/swa/AboutUs/Publications/AnEvaluationofMSDSandLabelsassociatedwiththeuseofEngineeredNanomaterials.htm)

6. Fifty SDS were examined and key findings in the report include:

(a) Most of the SDS evaluated did not provide sufficient information to inform a work health and safety risk assessment for nanomaterials contained in the product;

(b) All SDS evaluated for carbon nanotubes described them as hazardous substances, but nearly all of the SDS described the hazards of carbon nanotubes to be equivalent to that of graphite. This does not align with findings on the potential health effects of carbon nanotubes;

(c) Exposure standards presented on most SDSs are those for the bulk form of the material, with no qualification about its relevance or application to nano-sized materials.

7. These findings are consistent with the report from France (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2009/3), which noted that: “Yet, there remain few nanomaterial specific SDSs. Those that exist generally provide insufficient information”. Issues with nanomaterial SDS were also reported by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)[2] of the United States of America.

8. In considering this matter, Australia notes progress on the International Organization Standardization (ISO) Nanotechnology Technical Committee (TC229) Working Group 3 project that is being led by the Republic of Korea to develop a technical report on preparation of SDS for nanomaterials. This technical report will provide specific advice on developing an SDS for nanomaterials in GHS format. The technical report is a supplement to ISO 11014:2009 (Safety data sheet for chemical products — Content and order of sections) and requirements laid down in Annex 4 to the GHS.

[2] Guidance for Preparation of Good Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for Engineered Nanoparticles. L. Hodson, NIOSH, Cincinnati, OH; C. Crawford, EG&G, Cincinnati, OH. Poster Session, AIHce’09, Toronto, May 30 – June 4 (2009).

9. Australia also notes ISO TC229 Working Group 3 has also developed a prioritised list of physicochemical parameters of engineered nanomaterials for toxicological assessment, and has documented methods for measuring these parameters, which are listed below[3]:

(a) Particle size and size distribution;

(b) Agglomeration state and aggregation;

(c) Shape;

(d) Composition, including chemical composition, crystal structure, purity/impurity;

(e) Surface area;

(f) Surface chemistry;

(g) Surface charge; and

(h) Solubility/Dispersibility.

Proposed content for Australian SDS code of practice

10. Since many engineered nanomaterials are not currently classifiable as hazardous, it will not be mandatory to prepare an SDS or include information on labels in Australia. The Australian Government however supports a precautionary approach to handling engineered nanomaterials and the need to provide information for people handling nanomaterials when it is suspected they might be hazardous, while hazard data is being generated.

11. The following text is proposed for inclusion in Section 1.5 of the revised Code of Practice for SDS which describes “When is it necessary to prepare a Safety Data Sheet?:

- While this Code applies to hazardous chemicals, it is recommended practice to provide an SDS for any chemical that may be harmful to health, safety or the environment. An SDS should be provided where information about hazardous properties is being generated. The SDS should reflect current state of knowledge.
- For engineered or manufactured nanomaterials, or chemicals containing engineered or manufactured nanomaterials, it is recommended that SDS be provided unless there is evidence that the nanomaterials are not hazardous.”

12. Under heading 9, on physical and chemical properties, it is proposed to include a number of additional non-mandatory parameters that are specifically relevant to nanomaterials. These parameters are:

(a) Particle size (average and range)

(b) Size distribution

(c) Shape and aspect ratio

(d) Crystallinity

(e) Dustiness

(f) Surface area

[3] ISO/PDTR 13014. Draft Technical Report. Nanotechnologies — Guidance on physico-chemical characterization for manufactured nano-objects submitted for toxicological testing. April 2010.

(g) Degree of aggregation or agglomeration, and dispersibility

(h) Biodurability or biopersistence

(i) Surface coating or chemistry (if different to rest of particle)

13. This list of parameters has been amended from the list proposed last year, due to consideration in Australia and advances in ISO work on guidance for preparation of SDS. Some of the parameters differ from the ISO list (paragraph 11), as the focus is work health and safety management, not toxicological assessment.

14. These parameters are generally applicable to other chemicals and are not nano-specific.

15. The proposals to recommend:

(a) provision of SDS in circumstances where information on hazards is limited, and

(b) providing information on the extra physicochemical parameters to describe engineered nanomaterials in SDS adequately,

has been supported by all stakeholders during Australian consultations.

Measurement of extra physicochemical parameters

16. Information on measurement methods for the proposed extra physicochemical parameters relevant to nanomaterials is presented in Annex 1.

17. This information is informed by a number of ISO Nanotechnology Technical Committee projects, and the resulting draft documents ISO/PDTR 13014 and ISO/CD 12025[4].

18. ISO’s draft Technical Report ISO/PDTR 13014 on Nanotechnologies — Guidance on physico-chemical characterization for manufactured nano-objects submitted for toxicological testing lists standards for measurement of parameters (Annex 2). These standards, which are applicable to materials generally, have not necessarily been validated for use in characterizing nano-objects.

19. For the extra physicochemical parameters proposed there are the following techniques or methods available for the measurement of nanomaterials:

(a) Standard techniques for particles in general that may be relevant to nanomaterials

(b) Standards specifically applicable to nanomaterials that are currently under development

(c) Experimental techniques used by researchers

20. While in some cases the methods may not be straightforward, and standards have not necessarily been validated for nanomaterials, there are techniques available to obtain information in relation to the proposed extra physicochemical parameters.

[4] ISO/PDTR 13014. Draft Technical Report. Nanotechnologies — Guidance on physico-chemical characterization for manufactured nano-objects submitted for toxicological testing. April 2010

21. For the information of the Sub-Committee, Australia has also included guidance material for the classification of engineered nanomaterials in the draft Australian criteria for the classification of hazardous chemicals that will implement the GHS classification criteria for Australian regulatory reference. The proposed guidance material states that:

(a) Manufacturers and importers must ensure that their nanomaterials are classified according to these classification criteria and, if they meet the classification criteria, must comply with the regulations.

(b) There are no specific provisions in the regulations referring to nanomaterials.

(c) The regulations deal with all hazardous chemicals, regardless of size, shape or physical state and do not distinguish between the nanoform or the bulk form of a particular molecular formula.

(d) Nanomaterials having specific properties may require a different classification and labelling compared to the bulk materials. A substance with different sizes or forms can have different hazard classifications.

(e) The behaviours and effects of substances at nanoscale are dependent on several characteristics, including size, shape, number concentration, surface area, charge and overall surface reactivity, and classification should take into account these characteristics.

(f) In order to address the specific hazards, if any, associated with substances at nanoscale, additional testing or information may be required. Due to limited understanding of the characteristics of nanomaterials, their hazard assessment should be done on a case-by-case basis.

(g) Until specific test guidelines are determined for substances at nanoscale, where required, toxicity testing should be carried out according to existing guidelines. Attention needs to be given to the mode of delivery of the nanoparticle to the test system to ensure that it reflects the relevant exposure scenarios.

22. It is not proposed that the above material in paragraph 21 be considered for inclusion in the GHS at this stage.

23. For the information of the Sub-Committee, the Australian Government is also undertaking a formal classification of carbon nanotubes for classification of health hazards. The results of this assessment should be available before the December 2010 meeting for consideration of the Sub-Committee.

Proposal

24. That the Sub-Committee notes progress made in relation to characterisation and test methods for physicochemical properties of engineered nanomaterials and the Australian precautionary approach to SDS.

Annex 1

[English only]

Measurement methods for the proposed extra physicochemical parameters

Parameter	*Descriptor*	*Possible measurement methods for nanomaterials – For providing information in SDS*	*Measurement of parameters in air – For reference*
Particle size (average and range)	**Particle size**	*From: ISO/PDTR 13014*	**Particle size**
	The physical dimensions of a particle determined by specified measurement conditions.	Dynamic light scattering (also known as Photon correlation spectroscopy)	Condensation Particle Counter
		Small angle x-ray scattering	TSI Model 3025A – particle size range, 7nm-3000nm
Size distribution	**Size distribution** When a group of particles are of differing sizes, they may then be described by a particle size distribution.	Size exclusion chromatography	TSI Models 3022 & 3781, 6nm-3000nm
		X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy	TSI Model 8525 P-Trak, 20nm-1000nm
		Analysis of Scanning Electron Microscopy or Transmission Electron Microscopy or Scanning Probe Microscopy images	Optical Particle Counter
			TSI Model AeroTrak 9306, 300nm-10000nm
		Differential Mobility Analysis	**Size distribution**
		Separation techniques such as field-flow-fractionation or sedimentation (centrifugal or other)	Scanning Mobility Particle Sizer (SMPS)
		Raman (tube diameter)	TSI Model 3080 Electrostatic Classifier with TSI Model 3781 CPC or TSI Model 3025 CPC
			The above instruments have been used by Queensland University of Technology and Workplace Health & Safety Queensland, in a project commissioned by Safe Work Australia, to measure laser printer particle emissions and emissions of engineered nanomaterials.
			Fast Mobility Particle Sizer (FMPS)

Parameter	*Descriptor*	*Possible measurement methods for nanomaterials – For providing information in SDS*	*Measurement of parameters in air – For reference*
Shape and aspect ratio	<u>*Shape*</u> A geometric description of the extremities of the nano-objects or collection of nano-objects, aggregates and agglomerates, that make up the material under investigation. <u>*Aspect ratio*</u> Defined as length/diameter. Frequently used in description of fibres.	<u>Shape</u> *From: ISO/PDTR 13014* Analysis of Scanning Electron Microscopy or Transmission Electron Microscopy or Scanning Probe Microscopy images. Atomic Force Microscopy. UV-VIS – Ultra Violet/Visible Imaging System Microscopy. Scattering techniques. <u>Aspect ratio</u> Larger particles (agglomerates/aggregates) – optical microscopy. Nanoscale particles - scanning electron microscopy (SEM) or transmission electron microscopy (TEM).	Air sampling, followed by optical, SEM or TEM analysis. Sampling e.g. using TSI 3089 Nanometer Aerosol Sampler.
Dustiness	The propensity of materials to generate airborne dusts during their handling.	*From ISO/CD 12025* <u>Rotating drum and continuous drop</u> The rotating drum method (Annex C) is one of the two reference test methods for determining a dustiness index described in EN 15051:2006 [2]. The dust is generated by a multiple continuous dropping process of powder at low speed and is intended to simulate general handling process, which involve continuous dropping processes. <u>Vortex shaker</u> In the vortex shaker method (see Annex D) a nanomaterial is placed in a glass test tube and agitated using a laboratory vortex shaker while a continuous flow of gas (typically air) is supplied to the tube. The particles released from the powder are carried out of the tube by the air flow and delivered to measurement instruments that determine size and/or concentration of the released particles. This technique does not require a large amount of nanomaterial sample for testing. Typically the amount of sample is in the range from a few milligrams to a hundreds of milligrams.	

Parameter	*Descriptor*	*Possible measurement methods for nanomaterials – For providing information in SDS*	*Measurement of parameters in air – For reference*
		<u>Dynamic Methods</u> The purpose of the equipment is to provide a method to evaluate the relative dustiness of different powders. Results for the powder of interest are to be compared with results from a reference powder. If effective control measures are known for the reference powder in an industrial application, then dustiness tester results for the powder of interest can be used to help establish the level of effort necessary to control dust from the powder of interest in the same industrial application. The dynamic methods involve a two step process as described in example in Annex E. The purpose of this equipment is to provide a source of aerosol for inhalation toxicology studies, filter testing, garment testing, and determination of the reliability of mechanical and electronic systems. The main criterion is to provide sufficient energy to completely suspend the material. <u>Unrelated parameter method</u> For very adhesive and porous powders like fumed silica continuous volumetric controlled powder feeding and following particle dissemination in air and after this an adjustable dispersion treatment can allow unambiguous results, because sample feeding, aerosolisation and dispersion treatment are unrelated and each parameter can be adjusted individually. Furthermore each powder element is treated only once by this continuous method (see Annex F).	
Crystallinity	Crystal structure, or degree of crystallinity, e.g. 1. Rutile phase & anatase phase of titanium dioxide. 2. Amorphous & crystalline silica	*From: ISO/PDTR 13014* X-ray diffraction – crystalline purity	

Parameter	Descriptor	Possible measurement methods for nanomaterials – For providing information in SDS	Measurement of parameters in air – For reference
Surface area	The area of the exposed surface of a single particle, or more general, the area of the exposed surface of a certain amount of a material.	*From: ISO/PDTR 13014* Methods based on gas adsorption isotherms Liquid porosimetry Image analysis	Nanoparticle Surface Area Monitor TSI 3550
Degree of aggregation, agglomeration and dispersibility	*Aggregate* Strongly bonded or fused particles where specific surface area may be significantly smaller than the sum of calculated specific surface areas of individual components. *Agglomerate* Collection of loosely bound particles or aggregates or mixtures of the two – resulting external specific surface area is similar to the sum of the specific surface areas of the individual components. *Dispersibility* The degree to which a particulate material (the dispersed phase or dispersant) can be uniformly distributed in another material (the dispersing medium or continuous phase). Engineered nanoparticles tend to stick together to form larger groups of particles or stick to larger particles in air or to surfaces.	*From: ISO/PDTR 13014* *Aggregation/agglomeration* Analysis of Scanning Electron Microscopy or Transmission Electron Microscopy or Scanning Probe Microscopy images Angle dependent scattering at different wavelengths Static light scattering Small angle X-ray scattering X-ray diffraction Small angle neutron scattering Photon force (?) Optical tweezers Rheology methods *Dispersibility* Most common methods to assess the dispersibility of nano-objects are based on particle size measurements.	Air sampling, followed by optical, SEM or TEM analysis.

Parameter	*Descriptor*	*Possible measurement methods for nanomaterials – For providing information in SDS*	*Measurement of parameters in air – For reference*
Biodurability or biopersistence	Often considered in relation to fibres. *From Muhle H & Bellmann B (1997[5]).* Biopersistence is defined as the ability of a fiber to remain in the lung in spite of the lung's physiological clearance mechanisms. These defense mechanisms are a) transportation of entire particles by the mucociliary escalator and by alveolar macrophages, b) dissolution of fibers, and c) disintegration. Biodurability includes only the removal of fibers from lungs by dissolution and disintegration.	Gambles Solution can be used in experiments to examine biodurability in simulated lung fluid. Used in current investigation of *Biodurability & Potential Lung Inflammation of Carbon Nanotubes* by the Australian CSIRO, Edinburgh University (UK) and the Institute of Occupational Medicine (UK) in a project commissioned by Safe Work Australia.	
Surface coating or chemistry (if different to rest of particle)	*Surface chemistry* Chemical nature, including composition, of the outermost layers of the nano-object.	*From: ISO/PDTR 13014* <u>Surface chemistry</u> Auger electron spectroscopy (AES) X-Ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) Secondary ion mass spectroscopy (SIMS) 3D atom probe tomography Energy Dispersive X-Ray (Spectroscopy) Electron Energy Loss Spectroscopy (GTE) Low Energy Ion Spectroscopy Raman and other molecular spectroscopies	

[5] Muhle H and Bellmann B (1997). Significance of the Biodurability of Man-made Vitreous Fibers to Risk Assessment. Environmental Health Perspectives 105, Supplement 5, September 1997.

Annex 2

[English only]

Relevant measurement standards

From ISO/PDTR 13014, Annex A. Draft Technical Report. Nanotechnologies — Guidance on physico-chemical characterization for manufactured nano-objects submitted for toxicological testing. April 2010

These standards which are applicable to materials generally have not necessarily been validated for use in characterizing nano-objects.

Parameter	*Relevant standards*
Particle size	
	ISO 9276-1:1998, Representation of results of particle size analysis -- Part 1: Graphical representation
	ISO 9276-1:1998/Cor 1:2004, Representation of results of particle size analysis -- Part 1: Graphical representation -- Technical Corrigendum 1
	ISO 9276-2:2001, Representation of results of particle size analysis -- Part 2: Calculation of average particle sizes/diameters and moments from particle size distributions
	ISO 9276-3:2008, Representation of results of particle size analysis -- Part 3: Adjustment of an experimental curve to a reference model
	ISO 9276-4:2001, Representation of results of particle size analysis -- Part 4: Characterization of a classification process
	ISO 9276-5:2005, Representation of results of particle size analysis -- Part 5: Methods of calculation relating to particle size analyses using logarithmic normal probability distribution
	SO 9276-6:2008, Representation of results of particle size analysis -- Part 6: Descriptive and quantitative representation of particle shape and morphology
	ISO 9277:1995, Determination of the specific surface area of solids by gas adsorption using the BET method
	ISO 13318-1:2001, Determination of particle size distribution by centrifugal liquid sedimentation methods -- Part 1: General principles and guidelines
	ISO 13318-2:2007, Determination of particle size distribution by centrifugal liquid sedimentation methods -- Part 2: Photocentrifuge method
	ISO 13318-3:2004, Determination of particle size distribution by centrifugal liquid sedimentation methods -- Part 3: Centrifugal X-ray method
	ISO 13320:2009, Particle size analysis -- Laser diffraction methods
	ISO 13321:1996, Particle size analysis -- Photon correlation spectroscopy

Parameter	*Relevant standards*
	ISO 13322-1:2004, Particle size analysis -- Image analysis methods -- Part 1: Static image analysis methods
	ISO 13322-2:2006, Particle size analysis -- Image analysis methods -- Part 2: Dynamic image analysis methods
	ISO/TS 13762:2001, Particle size analysis – Small angle X-ray scattering method
	ISO 14488:2007, Particulate materials -- Sampling and sample splitting for the determination of particulate properties
	ISO 14887:2000, Sample preparation -- Dispersing procedures for powders in liquids
	ISO 15900:2009, Determination of particle size distribution -- Differential electrical mobility analysis for aerosol particles
	ISO 20998-1:2006, Measurement and characterization of particles by acoustic methods -- Part 1: Concepts and procedures in ultrasonic attenuation spectroscopy
	ISO 21501-1:2009, Determination of particle size distribution -- Single particle light interaction methods -- Part 1: Light scattering aerosol spectrometer
	ISO 21501-2:2007, Determination of particle size distribution -- Single particle light interaction methods -- Part 2: Light scattering liquid-borne particle counter
	ISO 22412:2008, Particle size analysis -- Dynamic light scattering (DLS)
	ISO/TS 27687,Nanotechnologies – Terminology and definitions for nano-objects – Nanoparticle, nanofibre and nanoplate
	ISO 80004-3: 2008, Nanotechnologies -- Vocabulary -- Part 3: Carbon nano-objects
	ASTM E2490-09, Standard Guide for Measurement of Particle Size Distribution of Nanomaterials in Suspension by Photon Correlation Spectroscopy (PCS)
	ASTM E2456 - 06, Standard terminology Relating to Nanotechnology
Aggregation/ Agglomeration state	
	See section “Particle Size / Size Distribution” for measurement methods.
	Working Group 16 “Characterization of particle dispersion in liquids” of ISO/TC 24/SC 4 "Particle Characterization" has started the generation of ISO/TR 13097 “Guide for the characterization of dispersion stability.”
	Project Group 10 of Working Group 2 "Measurement and Characterization" of ISO/TC 229 "Nanotechnologies" develops a general framework for determining the nanoparticle release from powders ISI/CD 12025.
	ISO 16700:2004: Guidelines for the calibration of Electron Microscopy image magnification
	ISO 13322-1:2004: Guidance on Electron Microscopy static image analysis methods is available

Parameter	*Relevant standards*
Shape	
	ISO 16700:2004: Guidelines for the calibration of EM image magnification
	ISO 13322-1:2004: Guidance on EM static image analysis methods is available
Specific surface area	
	ISO 15901-1:2005, Pore size distribution and porosity of solid materials by mercury porosimetry and gas adsorption -- Part 1: Mercury porosimetry
	ISO 15901-2:2005, Pore size distribution and porosity of solid materials by mercury porosimetry and gas adsorption -- Part 2: Analysis of mesopores and macropores by gas adsorption
	ISO 15901-3:2005, Pore size distribution and porosity of solid materials by mercury porosimetry and gas adsorption -- Part 3: Analysis of micropores by gas adsorption
	ISO 18757:2003, Fine ceramics (advanced ceramics, advanced technical ceramics) – Determination of specific surface area of ceramic powders by gas adsorption using the BET method
	ISO 9277:1995, Determination of the specific surface area of solids by gas adsorption using the BET method (under revision)
	ISO 13322-1:2004, Particle size analysis – Image analysis methods -- Part 1: Static image analysis methods
Surface chemistry	
	Important standard under development: ISO DTR 14187, Surface chemical analysis -- Characterization of nanostructured materials
	ISO 18115:2001 Surface chemical analysis – Vocabulary
	ISO 21270:2004 Surface chemical analysis - X-ray photoelectron and Auger electron spectrometers - Linearity of intensity scale
	ISO 24236:2005 Surface chemical analysis - Auger electrons pectroscopy - Repeatability and constancy of intensity scale
	ISO 15471:2004 Surface chemical analysis - Auger electron spectroscopy - Description of selected instrumental performance parameters
	ISO/TR 19319:2003 Surface chemical analysis - Auger electron spectroscopy and X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy - Determination of lateral resolution, analysis area and sample area viewed by the analyser
	ISO 17973:2002 Surface chemical analysis - Medium resolution Auger electron spectrometers - Calibration of energy scales for elemental analysis
	ISO 18118:2004 Surface chemical analysis - Auger electron spectroscopy and X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy - Guide to the use of experimentally determined relative sensitivity factors for the quantitative analysis of homogeneous materials.
	ISO 20903:2006 Surface chemical analysis - Auger electron spectroscopy and X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy - Methods used to determine peak intensities and information required when reporting results.

Parameter	*Relevant standards*
	ISO/TR 18394:2006 Surface chemical analysis - Auger electron spectroscopy – Derivation of chemical information.
	ISO 23830:2008 Surface chemical analysis - Secondary-ion mass spectrometry - Repeatability and constancy of the relative intensity scale in static secondary ion mass spectrometry
	ISO 17560:2002 Surface chemical analysis - Secondary-ion mass spectrometry - Method for depth profiling of boron in silicon
	ISO 18114:2003 Surface chemical analysis - Secondary ion mass spectrometry - Determination of relative sensitivity factors from ionimplanted reference materials
	ISO 20341: 2003 Surface chemical analysis - Secondary-ion mass spectrometry - Method for estimating depth resolution parameters with multiple delta-layer reference materials
	ISO 15472: 2002 Surface chemical analysis - X-ray photoelectron spectrometers - Calibration of energy scales
	ISO 21270:2004 Surface chemical analysis - X-ray photoelectron and Auger electron spectrometers - Linearity of intensity scale
	ISO 24237: 2005 Surface chemical analysis - X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy - Repeatability and constancy of intensity scale
	ISO 15470: 2004 Surface chemical analysis - X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy - Description of selected instrumental performance parameters
	ISO 19318: 2004 Surface chemical analysis - X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy - Reporting of methods used for charge control and charge correction
	ISO/TR 18392:2005 Surface chemical analysis - X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy - Procedures for determining backgrounds
	ISO 18516:2006 Surface chemical analysis – Auger electron spectroscopy and X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy – Determination of lateral resolution
	ISO 18117:2009 Surface chemical analysis - Handling of specimens prior to analysis
	ISO 23812: 2009 Surface chemical analysis - Secondary-ion mass spectrometry - Method for depth calibration for silicon using multiple delta-layer reference materials
Dispersibility	
	TC 24/SC 4 new work item on dispersion TR13097 Guidelines for the characterization of dispersion stability (out for ballot)