

Gafta Contracts – Methods of Analysis - 2017

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Introduction

The following Methods are hereby adopted by Gafta and must be applied to all Gafta contracts where analysis of goods is required. Where a method is not specified for a particular analysis required under a contract, the parties should agree on the appropriate method to be used. Where no such agreement is made, the analyst appointed by the parties to undertake the analysis may elect to use any suitable internationally recognised method. In this case the method used should be clearly stated on the certificate(s)/report(s) of analysis issued.

Analysis Techniques

Analysts may elect to use any existing or newly validated instrumental technique that is capable of producing the specified criteria for valid measurement. Techniques used should be clearly stated on the certificate(s)/report(s) of analysis issued.

Reference Method

Where the Register of Analysis Methods allows the option to use an alternative method to test a particular parameter, one method is identified as being the “**Reference Method**”.

Unless otherwise agreed, the Reference Method must be used. The alternative method may only be used if specifically agreed by the parties and the analyst instructed accordingly.

Expression of analysis results

The ISO methods adopted by these Rules generally advise on the rounding for the expression of results for reports and certificates, and these should be followed accordingly. Where a method does not stipulate the rounding then Analysts are advised to express results to one, or a maximum of two, decimal places.

Health and Safety

The use of Gafta methods may involve hazardous consumables, materials, operations and equipment. It is the responsibility of the user of Gafta methods to establish the appropriate safety practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use. While it is not the purpose of Gafta methods to address all potential safety issues related to their use, Gafta support all initiatives that aim at providing a high level of safety for technicians and a healthy and sustainable environment.