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SUBJECT

CEN /TC 19 explanation on total contamination test
result and applicability for FAME

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TC192015-017

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Dear Sir/Madam

Further to our letter of 2014-12-24, reference TC192014-12, regarding CEN/TC 19 explanation on total contamination test results and applicability for FAME, we would like you to inform on recent discussions and decisions by TC19/WG24.

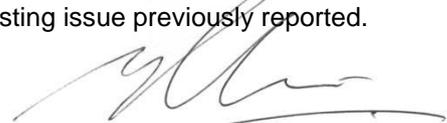
Pending the revision of EN12662 to address FAME testing issues with EN12662:2014 by WG31 the current recommendation from CEN TC19/WG24 for Total Contamination determination required in EN590 and EN14214 is as follows:

1. For diesel and diesel/FAME blends - EN590, use EN12662:2014. As per the test method, if the filtration time exceeds 30 minutes the test should be stopped and the result reported as an incomplete filtration together with the volume filtered. Failure to complete the filtration in 30 minutes means the fuel product under test does not comply with the specification and is not fit for use.
2. For FAME blends (B100) use either EN12662:2008 or EN12662:1998. Please note there is no limit on filtration time in these two versions of the EN12662 test method. The 30 minute limit on filtration time previously recommended in the letter of 2014-12-24 has been removed for both the 2008 and 1998 versions of the EN12662 test method on the advice of WG24 and WG31 experts. The 2008 and 1998 versions of EN12662 should be conducted according to their respective published procedures with no modifications.

We would like to apologise for any confusion caused by previous recommendations with respect to EN 12662 and would like to thank the experts for their comments and help in resolving this matter. We hope this helps clarify the current requirements for EN 12662 testing in EN 14214 and EN 590 until a revised version of EN12662 can be developed that addresses the FAME testing issue previously reported.



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