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1 INTRODUCTION

Heavy metals can be found in everything from jewelry and watch cases to electronic components. While Lead, Cadmium, Mercury and other heavy metals serve a purpose they are highly toxic to humans. Nickel is one of the most abundant metallic elements, likely to be found in most metals and metal alloys in trace quantities, including coins. Lead is a heavy metal that has often been used in jewelry, to make the article heavier, brighten colors and to stabilize or soften plastic. But Lead does not break down in the environment and accumulates in the human body.

Cadmium is also a heavy metal that has been used for over a century in both fashion and fine jewelry products. Small amounts of Cadmium may be added to metal alloys to impart specific technical and functional attributes to the metal alloys. It may be present in jewelry as part of the metal alloy, solder or gold coating for electroforming / electroplating, or as a pigment or stabilizer in non-metal components.

The legislation covering the restrictions on metals is found in Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH). Presence of Lead has been limited in the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008. The limit of Lead is 100 mg/kg. In REACH there are limits mentioned for Cadmium of 100 mg/kg and for Lead 500 mg/kg.

Since 2021 the Institute for Interlaboratory Studies (iis) organizes a proficiency scheme for the determination of Metals in Metal/Metal Alloy every year. During the annual proficiency testing program 2022/2023 it was decided to continue the proficiency test for the determination of Metals in Metal/Metal Alloy.

In this interlaboratory study 53 laboratories in 19 countries registered for participation, see appendix 5 for the number of participants per country. In this report the results of the Metals in Metal/Metal Alloy proficiency test are presented and discussed. This report is also electronically available through the iis website www.iisnl.com.

2 SET UP

The Institute for Interlaboratory Studies (iis) in Spijkenisse, the Netherlands, was the organizer of this proficiency test (PT). Sample analyzes for fit-for-use and homogeneity testing were subcontracted to an ISO/IEC17025 accredited laboratory.

It was decided to send one metal bracelet labelled #23630.

The participants were requested to report rounded and unrounded test results. The unrounded test results were preferably used for statistical evaluation.

2.1 QUALITY SYSTEM

The Institute for Interlaboratory Studies in Spijkenisse, the Netherlands, has implemented a quality system based on ISO/IEC17043:2010. This ensures strict adherence to protocols for sample preparation and statistical evaluation and 100% confidentiality of participant's data. Feedback from the participants on the reported data is encouraged and customer's satisfaction is measured on regular basis by sending out questionnaires.

2.2 PROTOCOL

The protocol followed in the organization of this proficiency test was the one as described for proficiency testing in the report 'iis Interlaboratory Studies: Protocol for the Organisation, Statistics and Evaluation' of June 2018 (iis-protocol, version 3.5). This protocol is electronically available through the iis website www.iisnl.com, from the FAQ page.

2.3 CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

All data presented in this report must be regarded as confidential and for use by the participating companies only. Disclosure of the information in this report is only allowed by means of the entire report. Use of the contents of this report for third parties is only allowed by written permission of the Institute for Interlaboratory Studies. Disclosure of the identity of one or more of the participating companies will be done only after receipt of a written agreement of the companies involved.

2.4 SAMPLES

A batch of bracelets was purchased from the local market. Each bracelet was packed separately and labelled #23630. The bracelet could be divided into two parts (see picture):



Part 1: decorated leaves at ends of the bracelet, further referred to as #23630-1.

Part 2: main part of the bracelet, further referred to as #23630-2. The green line indicates the cutting line where the parts can be separated from each other.

The homogeneity of #23630-1 was checked by determination of Cadmium as Cd according to an in house method on 8 stratified randomly selected subsamples.

	Cadmium as Cd in mg/kg
sample #23630-1 sub-1	24620
sample #23630-1 sub-2	22595
sample #23630-1 sub-3	23934
sample #23630-1 sub-4	23161
sample #23630-1 sub-5	24401
sample #23630-1 sub-6	22581
sample #23630-1 sub-7	22153
sample #23630-1 sub-8	26355

Table 1: homogeneity test results of subsamples #23630-1

From the above test results the relative standard deviation (RSD) was calculated and compared with 0.3 times the average relative standard deviation obtained from twenty-four elements which were evaluated in the previous two iis PTs Total Metals in Metal/Metal Alloy in agreement with the procedure of ISO13528, Annex B2 in the next table.

	Cadmium as Cd
RSD% observed	5.9
reference method	iis PTs
0.3 x RSD% (reference method)	6.6

Table 2: evaluation of the relative standard deviation of subsamples #23630-1

The calculated relative standard deviation is in agreement with 0.3 times the average relative standard deviation obtained from the evaluation of the elements from the previous two PTs. Therefore, homogeneity #23630-1 was assumed.

The homogeneity of #23630-2 was checked by determination of Cobalt according to an in house method on 7 stratified randomly selected subsamples.

	Cobalt as Co in mg/kg
sample #23630-2 sub-1	29.59
sample #23630-2 sub-2	25.74
sample #23630-2 sub-3	25.99
sample #23630-2 sub-4	25.93
sample #23630-2 sub-5	25.95
sample #23630-2 sub-6	26.28
sample #23630-2 sub-7	26.75

Table 3: homogeneity test results of subsamples #23630-2

From the above test results the relative standard deviation (RSD) was calculated and compared with 0.3 times the average relative standard deviation obtained from twenty-four elements which were evaluated in the previous two PTs Total Metals in Metal/Metal Alloy in agreement with the procedure of ISO13528, Annex B2 in the next table.

	Cobalt as Co
RSD% observed	5.1
reference method	iis PTs
0.3 x RSD% (reference method)	6.6

Table 4: evaluation of the relative standard deviation of subsamples #23630-2

The calculated relative standard deviation is in agreement with 0.3 times the average relative standard deviation obtained from the evaluation of the elements from the previous two PTs. Therefore, homogeneity of #23630-2 was assumed.

To each of the participating laboratories one bracelet sample #23630 was sent on June 7, 2023.

2.5 ANALYZES

The participants were requested to determine on the parts of sample #23630: total levels of Antimony as Sb, Arsenic as As, Cadmium as Cd, Chromium as Cr, Cobalt as Co, Copper as Cu, Lead as Pb, Manganese as Mn, Mercury as Hg, Nickel as Ni, Selenium as Se, Strontium as Sr, Tin as Sn, Zinc as Zn and Zirconium as Zr.

It was requested to report if the laboratory was accredited for the determined elements and to report some analytical details.

It was explicitly requested to treat the sample as if it was a routine sample and to report the test results using the indicated units on the report form and not to round the test results but report as much significant figures as possible. It was also requested not to report 'less than' test results which are above the detection limit, because such test results cannot be used for meaningful statistical evaluations. Furthermore, some additional instructions were sent on how to measure the different parts of the bracelet sample and it was asked to report the test results for the different parts separately.

To get comparable test results a detailed report form and a letter of instructions are prepared. On the report form the reporting units are given as well as the reference test methods (when applicable) that will be used during the evaluation. The detailed report form and the letter of instructions are both made available on the data entry portal www.kpmd.co.uk/sgs-iis-cts/. The participating laboratories are also requested to confirm the sample receipt on this data entry portal. The letter of instructions can also be downloaded from the iis website www.iisnl.com.

3 RESULTS

During five weeks after sample dispatch, the test results of the individual laboratories were gathered via the data entry portal www.kpmd.co.uk/sgs-iis-cts/. The reported test results are tabulated per determination in appendices 1 to 3 of this report. The laboratories are presented by their code numbers.

Directly after the deadline, a reminder was sent to those laboratories that had not reported test results at that moment. Shortly after the deadline, the available test results were screened for suspect data. A test result was called suspect in case the Huber Elimination Rule (a robust outlier test) found it to be an outlier. The laboratories that produced these suspect data were asked to check the reported test results (no reanalyzes). Additional or corrected test results are used for data analysis and the original test results are placed under 'Remarks' in the test result tables in appendices 1 to 3. Test results that came in after the deadline were not taken into account in this screening for suspect data and thus these participants were not requested for checks.

3.1 STATISTICS

The protocol followed in the organization of this proficiency test was the one as described for proficiency testing in the report 'iis Interlaboratory Studies: Protocol for the Organisation, Statistics and Evaluation' of June 2018 (iis-protocol, version 3.5).

For statistical evaluation the *unrounded* (when available) figures were used instead of the rounded test results. Test results reported as '<... ' or '>... ' were not used in the statistical evaluation.

First, the normality of the distribution of the various data sets per determination was checked by means of the Lilliefors-test, a variant of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test and by the calculation of skewness and kurtosis. Evaluation of the three normality indicators in combination with the visual evaluation of the graphic Kernel density plot, lead to judgement of the normality being either 'unknown', 'OK', 'suspect' or 'not OK'. After removal of outliers, this check was repeated. If a dataset does not have a normal distribution, the (results of the) statistical evaluation should be used with due care.

The assigned value is determined by consensus based on the test results of the group of participants after rejection of the statistical outliers and/or suspect data.

According to ISO13528 all (original received or corrected) results per determination were submitted to outlier tests. In the iis procedure for proficiency tests, outliers are detected prior to calculation of the mean, standard deviation and reproducibility. For small data sets, Dixon (up to 20 test results) or Grubbs (up to 40 test results) outlier tests can be used. For larger data sets (above 20 test results) Rosner's outlier test can be used. Outliers are marked by D(0.01) for the Dixon's test, by G(0.01) or DG(0.01) for the Grubbs' test and by R(0.01) for the Rosner's test. Stragglers are marked by D(0.05) for the Dixon's test, by G(0.05) or DG(0.05) for the Grubbs' test and by R(0.05) for the Rosner's test. Both outliers and stragglers were not included in the calculations of averages and standard deviations.

For each assigned value, the uncertainty was determined in accordance with ISO13528. Subsequently the calculated uncertainty was evaluated against the respective requirements based on the target reproducibility in accordance with ISO13528. In this PT, the criterion of ISO13528, paragraph 9.2.1 was met for all evaluated tests, therefore, the uncertainty of all assigned values may be negligible and need not be included in the PT report.

Finally, the reproducibilities were calculated from the standard deviations by multiplying them with a factor of 2.8.

3.2 GRAPHICS

In order to visualize the data against the reproducibilities from literature, Gauss plots were made, using the sorted data for one determination (see appendix 1 and 2). On the Y-axis the reported test results are plotted. The corresponding laboratory numbers are on the X-axis. The straight horizontal line presents the consensus value (a trimmed mean). The four striped lines, parallel to the consensus value line, are the +3s, +2s, -2s and -3s target reproducibility limits of the selected reference test method. Outliers and other data, which were excluded from the calculations, are represented as a cross. Accepted data are represented as a triangle.

Furthermore, Kernel Density Graphs were made. This is a method for producing a smooth density approximation to a set of data that avoids some problems associated with histograms. Also, a normal Gauss curve (dotted line) was projected over the Kernel Density Graph (smooth line) for reference. The Gauss curve is calculated from the consensus value and the corresponding standard deviation.

3.3 Z-SCORES

To evaluate the performance of the participating laboratories the z-scores were calculated. As it was decided to evaluate the performance of the participants in this proficiency test (PT) against the literature requirements (derived from e.g. ISO or ASTM test methods), the z-scores were calculated using a target standard deviation. This results in an evaluation independent of the variation in this interlaboratory study.

This target standard deviation was calculated from the literature reproducibility by division with 2.8. In case no literature reproducibility was available, other target values were used, like Horwitz or an estimated reproducibility based on former iis proficiency tests.

When a laboratory did use a test method with a reproducibility that is significantly different from the reproducibility of the reference test method used in this report, it is strongly advised to recalculate the z-score, while using the reproducibility of the actual test method used, this in order to evaluate whether the reported test result is fit-for-use.

The z-scores were calculated according to:

$$z_{(\text{target})} = (\text{test result} - \text{average of PT}) / \text{target standard deviation}$$

The $z_{(\text{target})}$ scores are listed in the test result tables in appendices 1 to 2.

Absolute values for $z < 2$ are very common and absolute values for $z > 3$ are very rare. Therefore, the usual interpretation of z-scores is as follows:

$ z < 1$	good
$1 < z < 2$	satisfactory
$2 < z < 3$	questionable
$3 < z $	unsatisfactory

4 EVALUATION

In this proficiency test no problems were encountered with the dispatch of the samples. Six participants reported test results after the final reporting date and five other participants did not report any test results. Not all participants did not report all tests requested. In total 48 participants reported 252 numerical test results. Observed were 14 outlying test results, which is 5.6%. In proficiency tests outlier percentages of 3% - 7.5% are quite normal.

All data sets proved to have a normal Gaussian distribution.

4.1 EVALUATION PER PART OF THE SAMPLE AND PER ELEMENT

In this section the results are discussed per part of the sample and per element. The test methods which were used by the various laboratories were taken into account for explaining the observed differences when possible and applicable. These test methods are also in the tables together with the reported test results in appendices 1 and 2. The abbreviations, used in these tables, are explained in appendix 6.

Participants used different test methods to determine Metals in Metal/Metal Alloy. Some participants used test method CPSC-CH-E1001.08 (Determination of Total Lead in Metal Products), some used EN16711-1 (Determination of Metal content in Textile) or IEC62321-5 (Determination of Cadmium and Lead in Metals) and others used an in house method. Regretfully, no precision data is mentioned in CPSC-CH-E1001.08. The precision data mentioned in EN16711-1 involve a low concentration of metals tested in textile which may be not applicable here. The Horwitz equation can be used but it is a known fact that when Horwitz is used at higher concentrations, the equation returns a stricter reproducibility than at lower concentrations. Therefore, a target reproducibility based on the Horwitz equation may not be applicable to the higher concentrations of some metals in the bracelet. However, method IEC62321-5 (published in 2014) does contain precision data based on a metal sample (metal parts found in e.g. buttons). The precision was determined for concentrations up to 1000 mg/kg and the RSD found for this range is 10%. It was decided to use this as the target reproducibility for all metals, calculated according to this formula: $0.1 * \text{mean} * 2.8$.

#23630-1: The decorated leaves at the ends of the bracelet

Cadmium as Cd: This determination was not problematic. Four statistical outliers were observed. The calculated reproducibility after rejection of the statistical outliers is in agreement with the requirements of IEC62321-5:14.

Copper as Cu: This determination was very problematic. No statistical outliers were observed. A large variation in the reported test results is observed, therefore no z-scores are calculated.

Lead as Pb: This determination was very problematic. In the leaves of the decorated ends of the bracelet solder is present. Solder usually consists of an alloy of Tin and Lead, although nowadays there are also lead-free variants. From the test results it seems that some participants included solder in the analysis while other participants did not. This resulted unfortunately in a large variation in the reported test results and therefore no z-scores are calculated, see also paragraph 5 for more discussion.

Tin as Sn: This determination was very problematic. Two statistical outliers were observed. In the leaves of the decorated ends of the bracelet solder is present. Solder usually consists of an alloy of Tin and Lead, although nowadays there are also lead-free variants. From the test results it seems that some participants included solder in the analysis while other participants did not. This resulted unfortunately in a large variation in the reported test results and therefore no z-scores are calculated.

Zinc as Zn: This determination was not problematic. Two statistical outliers were observed. The calculated reproducibility after rejection of the statistical outliers is in agreement with the requirements of IEC62321-5:14.

The participants agreed on a concentration near or below the limit of detection for all other elements mentioned in paragraph 2.5. Therefore, no z-scores are calculated for these elements. The reported test results are given in appendix 3.

#23630-2: Main part of the bracelet (wrist band)

Arsenic as As: This determination was problematic. No statistical outliers were observed. The calculated reproducibility is not in agreement with the requirements of IEC62321-5:14.

Chromium as Cr: This determination was problematic. No statistical outliers were observed. The calculated reproducibility is not in agreement with the requirements of IEC62321-5:14.

Cobalt as Co: This determination was problematic. No statistical outliers were observed. The calculated reproducibility is not in agreement with the requirements of IEC62321-5:14.

Copper as Cu: This determination was very problematic. One statistical outlier was observed. A large variation in the reported test results is observed, therefore no z-scores are calculated.

Manganese as Mn: This determination was not problematic. One statistical outlier was observed. The calculated reproducibility after rejection of the statistical outlier is in agreement with the requirements of IEC62321-5:14.

Nickel as Ni: This determination was problematic. One statistical outlier was observed. The calculated reproducibility after rejection of the statistical outlier is not in agreement with the requirements of IEC62321-5:14.

Tin as Sn: This determination was problematic. Two statistical outliers were observed. The calculated reproducibility after rejection of the statistical outliers is not in agreement with the requirements of IEC62321-5:14.

Zinc as Zn: This determination was very problematic. One statistical outlier was observed. A large variation in the reported test results is observed, therefore no z-scores are calculated.

The participants agreed on a concentration near or below the limit of detection for all other elements mentioned in paragraph 2.5. Therefore, no z-scores are calculated for these elements. The reported test results are given in appendix 3.

4.2 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR THE GROUP OF LABORATORIES

A comparison has been made between the reproducibility as declared by the reference test method and the reproducibility as found for the group of participating laboratories. The number of significant test results, the average, the calculated reproducibility ($2.8 \times$ standard deviation) and the target reproducibility derived from reference methods are presented in the next tables.

Element	unit	n	average	2.8 * sd	R(lit)
Cadmium as Cd	mg/kg	31	866561	127159	242637
Copper as Cu	mg/kg	15	53983	61391	(15115)
Lead as Pb	mg/kg	35	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
Tin as Sn	mg/kg	11	500	436	(140)
Zinc as Zn	mg/kg	12	53775	12277	(15057)

Table 5: reproducibilities of tests on sample #23630-1 (decorated leaves, ends of the bracelet)

For results between brackets no z-scores are calculated.

Element	unit	n	average	2.8 * sd	R(lit)
Arsenic as As	mg/kg	21	36.2	12.7	10.1
Chromium as Cr	mg/kg	30	216	89	60
Cobalt as Co	mg/kg	18	34.6	13.8	9.7
Copper as Cu	mg/kg	15	90327	109593	(25292)
Manganese as Mn	mg/kg	18	2782	732	779
Nickel as Ni	mg/kg	22	73.8	24.6	20.7
Tin as Sn	mg/kg	13	600	350	168
Zinc as Zn	mg/kg	12	167	338	(47)

Table 6: reproducibilities of tests on sample #23630-2 (main part of the bracelet (wrist band))

For results between brackets no z-scores are calculated.

Without further statistical calculations it can be concluded that for many tests there is not a good compliance of the group of participants with the reference test method. See also the discussion in paragraph 4.1 and 5.

4.3 COMPARISON OF THE PROFICIENCY TEST OF JUNE 2023 WITH PREVIOUS PTS

	June 2023	April 2022	June 2021
Number of reporting laboratories	48	66	56
Number of test results	252	627	350
Number of statistical outliers	14	59	26
Percentage of statistical outliers	5.6%	9.4%	7.4%

Table 7: comparison with previous proficiency tests

In proficiency tests outlier percentages of 3% - 7.5% are quite normal.

The performance of the determinations of the proficiency test was compared to uncertainties observed in PTs over the years, expressed as relative standard deviation (RSD) of the PTs, see next table.

Element	June 2023	April 2022	June 2021
Arsenic as As	12%	20-42%	20%
Cadmium as Cd	5%	17%	15-17%
Chromium as Cr	15%	13-15%	15-26%
Cobalt as Co	14%	12-17%	20%
Copper as Cu	41-43%	4-25%	10-42%
Lead as Pb	---	29%	24-56%
Manganese as Mn	9%	6-8%	5-9%
Nickel as Ni	12%	13-18%	7-12%
Tin as Sn	21-31%	7-31%	---
Zinc as Zn	8-72%	9-80%	7-84%

Table 8: development of the uncertainties over the years

The RSDs observed in this PT are in line with RSDs observed in previous iis PTs.

4.4 EVALUATION OF THE ANALYTICAL DETAILS

For this PT some analytical details were requested which are listed in appendix 4. Based on the answers given by the participants the following can be summarized:

- 82% of the participants mentioned to be ISO/IEC17025 accredited to determine the reported elements for Metals in Metal/Metal Alloys.
- 88% of the participants used 0.5 grams or less as sample intake, most times 0.1 to 0.2 grams.
- 67% of the participants used Aqua Regia (a mixture of concentrated Nitric acid and concentrated Hydrochloric acid) as digestion acid, while 33% used Nitric acid only (in different concentrations).
- 60% of the participants used ICP-OES as technique to quantify the metals, 26% ICP-MS and 7% used AAS. A few used combinations of techniques with ICP-OES, ICP-MS and XRF.

As the majority of the group follow the same analytical procedures no further statistical analysis has been performed.

5 DISCUSSION

In this PT the average of the homogeneity test results for sample #23630-1 is not in line with the average (consensus value) from the PT results. There are several reasons for this. First, the goal of the homogeneity testing is very different from the goal of the evaluation of the reported PT results. To prove the homogeneity of the PT samples, a test method is selected with a high precision (smallest variation). The accuracy (trueness) of the test method is less relevant.

Secondly, the homogeneity testing is done by one laboratory only. The test results of this (ISO/IEC 17025 accredited) laboratory will have a bias (systematic deviation) depending on the test method used. The desire to detect small variations between the PT samples leads to the use of a sensitive test method with high precision, which may be a test method with significant bias. Also each test result reported by the laboratories that participate in the PT will have a bias. However, some will have a positive bias and others a negative bias. These different biases compensate each other in the PT average (consensus value). Therefore, the PT consensus value may deviate from the average of the homogeneity test. At the same time the accuracy of the PT consensus value is more reliable than the accuracy of the average of the results of the homogeneity test.

In this proficiency test for the determination of Metals in Metal/Metal Alloys a bracelet was purchased from a retailer and is therefore a real-life sample. Several participants contacted iis to ask how the leaves of the decoration of sample #23630-1 should be tested, specific whether the solder should be tested or not. The leaves were connected to the rest of the bracelet with apparently a Lead/Tin containing solder. In the letter of instructions iis requests participants to analyze the PT item in the way the laboratory is used to do. It appears that laboratories have different ways of working and some include (partly) the solder into the analysis while other laboratories skip the solder. As a result, the Lead and Tin determinations could not be evaluated because of the large deviation in reported test results. The large variation in these two elements may partly be explained by the lack of clear testing procedures on how to analyze this type of samples. It is recommended that members of technical committees bring this further into discussion to improve the analytical procedure in the test methods to avoid this confusion.

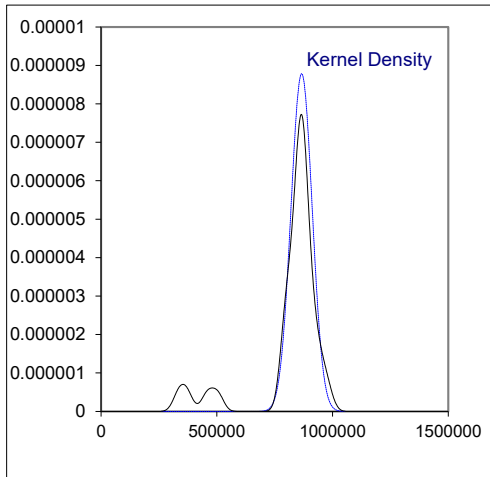
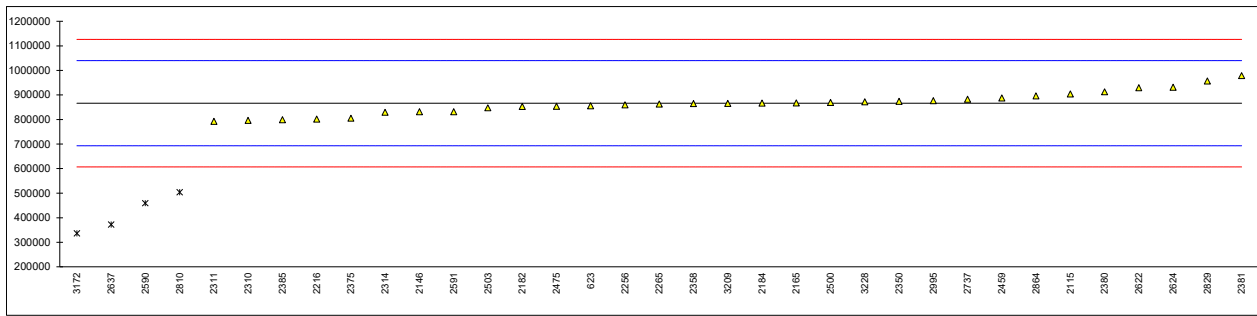
6 CONCLUSION

Each participating laboratory will have to evaluate its performance in this study and decide about any corrective actions if necessary. Therefore, participation on a regular basis in this scheme could be helpful to improve the performance and thus increase of the quality of the analytical results.

APPENDIX 1 – Decoration leaves at the end of the bracelet

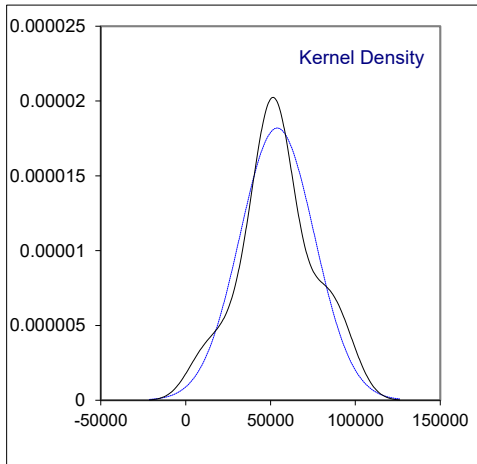
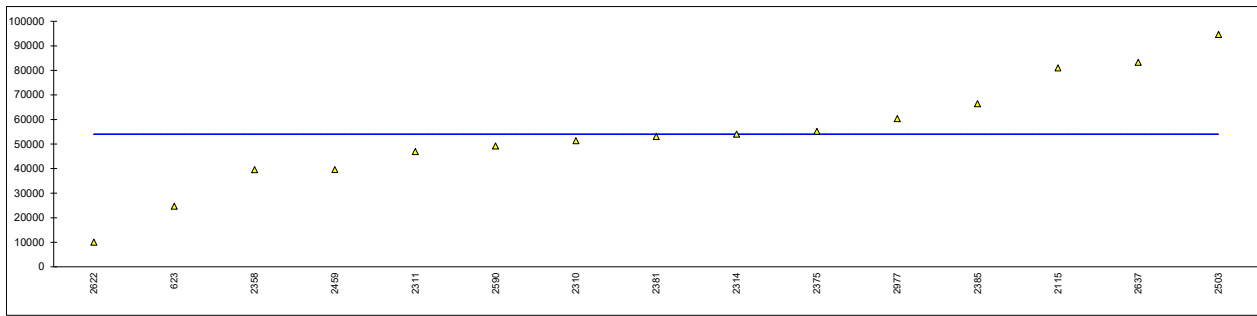
Determination of Cadmium as Cd on sample #23630-1; results in mg/kg

lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)	remarks
210		----		----	
623	In house	856126.27		-0.12	
840		----		----	
1126		----		----	
2115	EN16711-1	904146.2		0.43	
2121		----		----	
2146	In house	831790		-0.40	
2159		----		----	
2165	EN16711-1	867777		0.01	
2182	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	853061	C	-0.16	first reported 712078.3
2184	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	867126		0.01	
2216	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	802135		-0.74	
2230		----		----	
2256	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	860000		-0.08	
2265	EN16711-1	863000		-0.04	
2310	EN16711-1	796786		-0.81	
2311	EN16711-1	792778.65		-0.85	
2314	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	829521.18		-0.43	
2326		----		----	
2347		----		----	
2350	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	874475		0.09	
2358	EN16711-1	864704		-0.02	
2366		----		----	
2373		----		----	
2375	EN16711-1	805527		-0.70	
2380	EN16711-1	912786.697		0.53	
2381	EN16711-1	979106.70		1.30	
2382		----		----	
2385	In house	798753		-0.78	
2459	EN16711-1	887800		0.25	
2475	In house	854298.53		-0.14	
2500	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	869799.5		0.04	
2503		848000	C	-0.21	first reported 848.000
2511		----		----	
2590	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	459324.400	C,R(0.01)	-4.70	first reported 675442.28
2591	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	831978.339		-0.40	
2622	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	929220		0.72	
2624	In house	932039		0.76	
2637	In house	372000	R(0.01)	-5.71	
2678		----		----	
2734		----		----	
2737	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	882339.5		0.18	
2741		----		----	
2810	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	503849.39	R(0.01)	-4.19	
2829	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	957345.2		1.05	
2864	In house	896380.85		0.34	
2977		----		----	
2995	EN62321-5	876342.95		0.11	
3116		----		----	
3172	IEC62321-3	336600	R(0.01)	-6.12	
3209	In house	865965.51		-0.01	
3214		----		----	
3228	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	872300		0.07	
	normality	OK			
	n	31			
	outliers	4			
	mean (n)	866561.44			
	st.dev. (n)	45413.930	RSD=5%		
	R(calc.)	127159.00			
	st.dev.(IEC62321-5:14)	86656.144			
	R(IEC62321-5:14)	242637.20			



Determination of Copper as Cu on sample #23630-1; results in mg/kg

lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)	remarks
210		----		----	
623	In house	24707.60		----	
840		----		----	
1126		----		----	
2115	EN16711-1	81083	C	----	first reported 181553.6
2121		----		----	
2146		----		----	
2159		----		----	
2165		----		----	
2182		----		----	
2184		----		----	
2216		----		----	
2230		----		----	
2256		----		----	
2265		----		----	
2310	EN16711-1	51367		----	
2311	EN16711-1	46989.74		----	
2314	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	54094.40		----	
2326		----		----	
2347		----		----	
2350		----		----	
2358	EN16711-1	39560		----	
2366		----		----	
2373		----		----	
2375	EN16711-1	55210		----	
2380		----		----	
2381	EN16711-1	53085.1	C	----	first reported 126109.60
2382		----		----	
2385	In house	66398		----	
2459	EN16711-1	39625		----	
2475		----		----	
2500		----		----	
2503		94700	C	----	first reported 94.700
2511		----		----	
2590	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	49251.83		----	
2591		----		----	
2622	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	10029		----	
2624		----		----	
2637	In house	83300		----	
2678		----		----	
2734		----		----	
2737		----		----	
2741		----		----	
2810		----		----	
2829		----		----	
2864		----		----	
2977	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	60349		----	
2995		----		----	
3116		----		----	
3172		----		----	
3209		----		----	
3214		----		----	
3228		----		----	
	normality	OK			
	n	15			
	outliers	0			
	mean (n)	53983.31			
	st.dev. (n)	21925.303	RSD=41%		
	R(calc.)	61390.85			
	st.dev.(IEC62321-5:14)	(5398.331)			
	R(IEC62321-5:14)	(15115.33)			

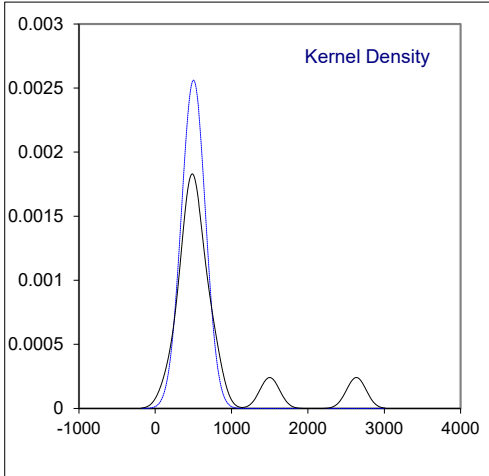
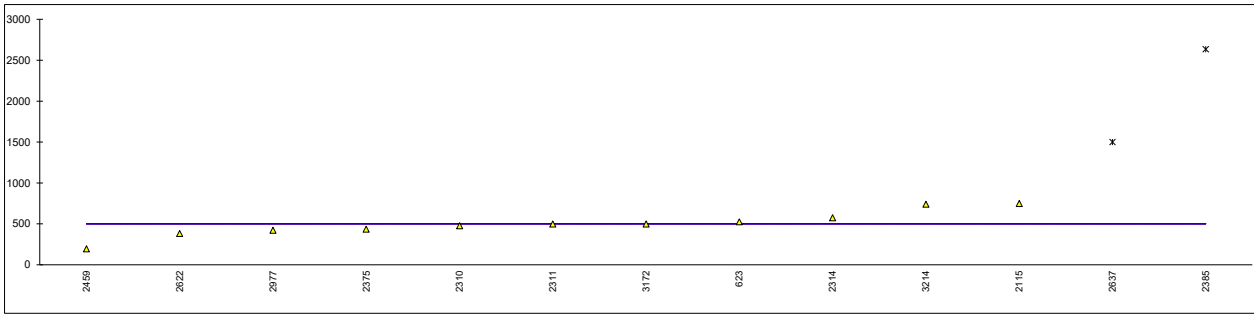


Determination of Lead as Pb on sample #23630-1; results in mg/kg

lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)	remarks
210		----		----	
623	In house	172.70		----	
840		----		----	
1126		----		----	
2115	EN16711-1	6.18		----	
2121	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	6.554		----	
2146	In house	22537		----	
2159		----		----	
2165	EN16711-1	Not detected		----	
2182	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	not detected		----	
2184	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	<10		----	
2216	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	26018		----	
2230	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	<10		----	
2256	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	Not detected		----	
2265	EN16711-1	3940		----	
2310	EN16711-1	<10		----	
2311	EN16711-1	11.97		----	
2314		----		----	
2326		----		----	
2347		----		----	
2350	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	< 50		----	
2358	EN16711-1	not detected		----	
2366	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	15309		----	
2373		----		----	
2375	EN16711-1	6400		----	
2380	EN16711-1	13.196		----	
2381	EN16711-1	14.90		----	
2382	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	6600		----	
2385	In house	11187		----	
2459	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	346.53		----	
2475		----		----	
2500	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	ND		----	
2503		----		----	
2511	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	<10		----	
2590	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	3.48		----	
2591	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	56984.162		----	
2622		----		----	
2624		----		----	
2637	In house	6320		----	
2678		----		----	
2734		----		----	
2737		----		----	
2741		----		----	
2810	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	14374.76		----	
2829	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	not detected		----	
2864	In house	8.35		----	
2977	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	not detected		----	
2995	EN62321-5	8731.83		----	
3116	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	<10		----	
3172		----		----	
3209	In house	<10.0		----	
3214	EN16711-1	<10		----	
3228	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	<10		----	
n		24	11		
mean (n)		<350	>3500		

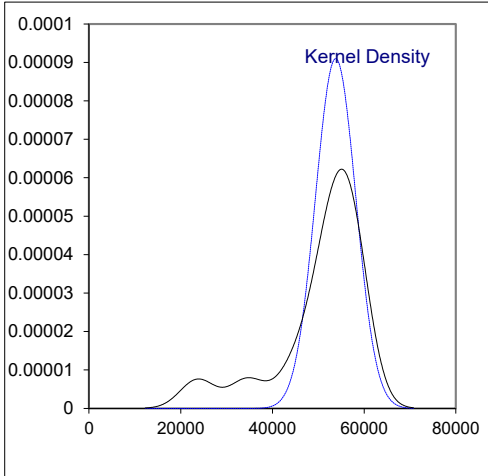
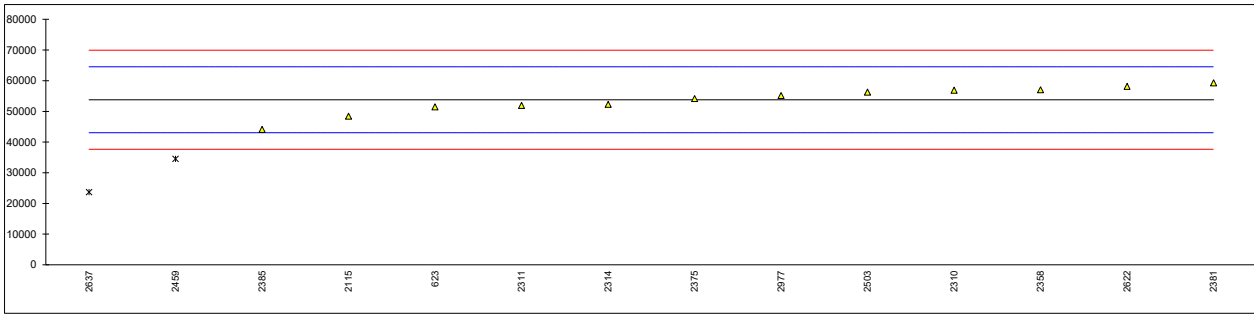
Determination of Tin as Sn on sample #23630-1; results in mg/kg

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210		----		----	
623	In house	525.29		----	
840		----		----	
1126		----		----	
2115	EN16711-1	749.3		----	
2121		----		----	
2146		----		----	
2159		----		----	
2165		----		----	
2182		----		----	
2184		----		----	
2216		----		----	
2230		----		----	
2256		----		----	
2265		----		----	
2310	EN16711-1	478		----	
2311	EN16711-1	498.43		----	
2314	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	574.21		----	
2326		----		----	
2347		----		----	
2350		----		----	
2358	EN16711-1	not detected	C	----	first reported 167 / possibly a false negative test result?
2366		----		----	
2373		----		----	
2375	EN16711-1	435		----	
2380		----		----	
2381		----		----	
2382		----		----	
2385	In house	2634	G(0.01)	----	
2459	EN16711-1	196.36		----	
2475		----		----	
2500		----		----	
2503		----		----	
2511		----		----	
2590		----		----	
2591		----		----	
2622	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	382		----	
2624		----		----	
2637	In house	1500	G(0.01)	----	
2678		----		----	
2734		----		----	
2737		----		----	
2741		----		----	
2810		----		----	
2829		----		----	
2864		----		----	
2977	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	422.9		----	
2995		----		----	
3116		----		----	
3172	EN16711-1	499		----	
3209		----		----	
3214	EN16711-1	740.34		----	
3228		----		----	
	normality	OK			
	n	11			
	outliers	2			
	mean (n)	500.075			
	st.dev. (n)	155.8328	RSD=31%		
	R(calc.)	436.332			
	st.dev.(IEC62321-5:14)	(50.0075)			
	R(IEC62321-5:14)	(140.021)			



Determination of Zinc as Zn on sample #23630-1; results in mg/kg

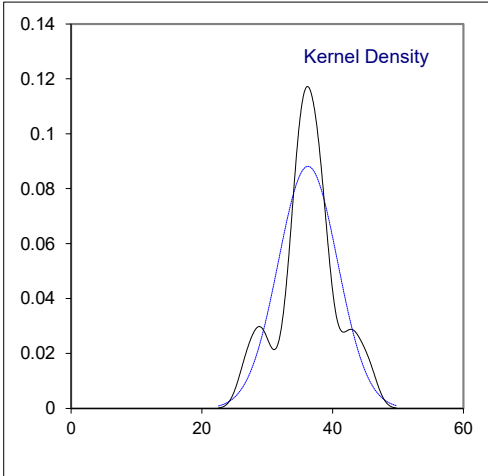
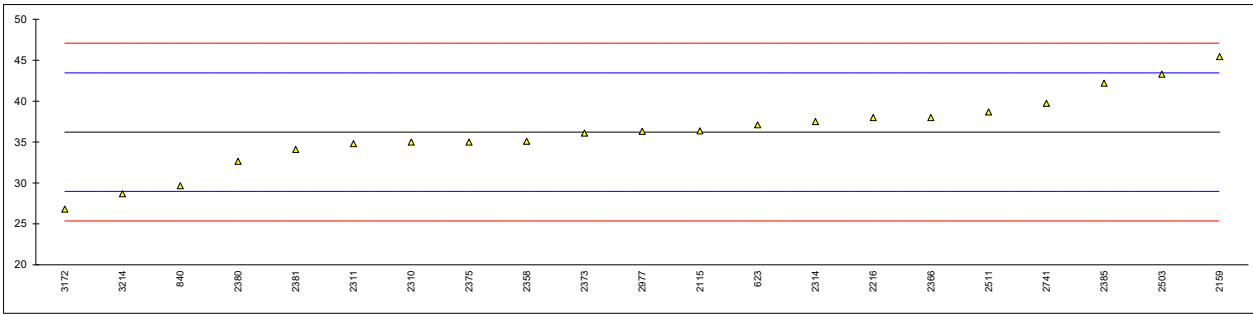
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210		----		----	
623	In house	51490.35		-0.42	
840		----		----	
1126		----		----	
2115	EN16711-1	48431.6		-0.99	
2121		----		----	
2146		----		----	
2159		----		----	
2165		----		----	
2182		----		----	
2184		----		----	
2216		----		----	
2230		----		----	
2256		----		----	
2265		----		----	
2310	EN16711-1	56921		0.59	
2311	EN16711-1	51959.61		-0.34	
2314	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	52302.14		-0.27	
2326		----		----	
2347		----		----	
2350		----		----	
2358	EN16711-1	57044		0.61	
2366		----		----	
2373		----		----	
2375	EN16711-1	54166		0.07	
2380		----		----	
2381	EN16711-1	59275.50		1.02	
2382		----		----	
2385	In house	44091		-1.80	
2459	EN16711-1	34502.22	G(0.05)	-3.58	
2475		----		----	
2500		----		----	
2503		56300	C	0.47	first reported 56.300
2511		----		----	
2590		----		----	
2591		----		----	
2622	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	58151		0.81	
2624		----		----	
2637	In house	23700	G(0.05)	-5.59	
2678		----		----	
2734		----		----	
2737		----		----	
2741		----		----	
2810		----		----	
2829		----		----	
2864		----		----	
2977	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	55167		0.26	
2995		----		----	
3116		----		----	
3172		----		----	
3209		----		----	
3214		----		----	
3228		----		----	
	normality	OK			
	n	12			
	outliers	2			
	mean (n)	53774.93			
	st.dev. (n)	4384.591	RSD=8%		
	R(calc.)	12276.86			
	st.dev.(IEC62321-5:14)	5377.493			
	R(IEC62321-5:14)	15056.98			



APPENDIX 2 – Main part of the bracelet

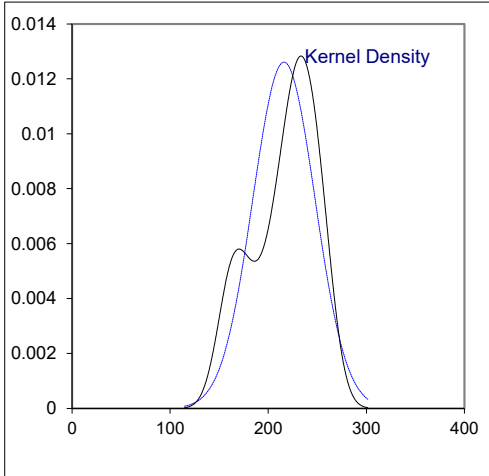
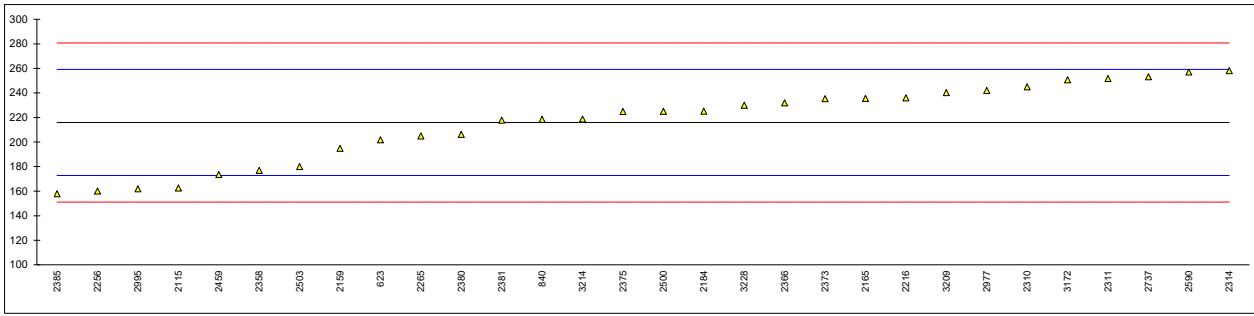
Determination of Arsenic as As on sample #23630-2; results in mg/kg

lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)	remarks
210		----		----	
623	In house	37.10		0.24	
840	In house	29.66		-1.81	
1126		----		----	
2115	EN16711-1	36.36		0.04	
2121		----		----	
2146		----		----	
2159	In house	45.44		2.55	
2165		----		----	
2182		----		----	
2184		----		----	
2216	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	38		0.49	
2230		----		----	
2256		----		----	
2265	EN16711-1	not detected		----	possibly a false negative test result?
2310	EN16711-1	35		-0.34	
2311	EN16711-1	34.81		-0.39	
2314	EN16711-1	37.51		0.36	
2326		----		----	
2347		----		----	
2350		----		----	
2358	EN16711-1	35.1		-0.31	
2366	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	38		0.49	
2373	EN16711-1	36.1		-0.03	
2375	EN16711-1	35		-0.34	
2380	EN16711-1	32.669		-0.98	
2381	EN16711-1	34.10		-0.58	
2382		----		----	
2385	In house	42.2		1.65	
2459		----		----	
2475		----		----	
2500		----		----	
2503	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	43.3		1.96	
2511	EN16711-1	38.681		0.68	
2590	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	< L.O.Q.		----	
2591		----		----	
2622		----		----	
2624		----		----	
2637		----		----	
2678		----		----	
2734		----		----	
2737		----		----	
2741	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	39.733		0.97	
2810		----		----	
2829		----		----	
2864		----		----	
2977	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	36.32		0.03	
2995		----		----	
3116		----		----	
3172	EN16711-1	26.8		-2.60	
3209		----		----	
3214	EN16711-1	28.70		-2.08	
3228		----		----	
	normality	OK			
	n	21			
	outliers	0			
	mean (n)	36.2182			
	st.dev. (n)	4.52634	RSD=12%		
	R(calc.)	12.6738			
	st.dev.(IEC62321-5:14)	3.62182			
	R(IEC62321-5:14)	10.1411			



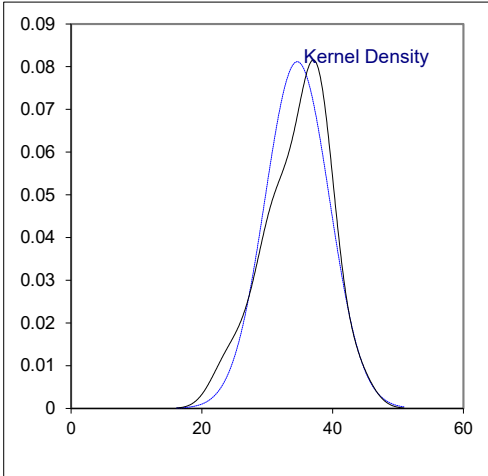
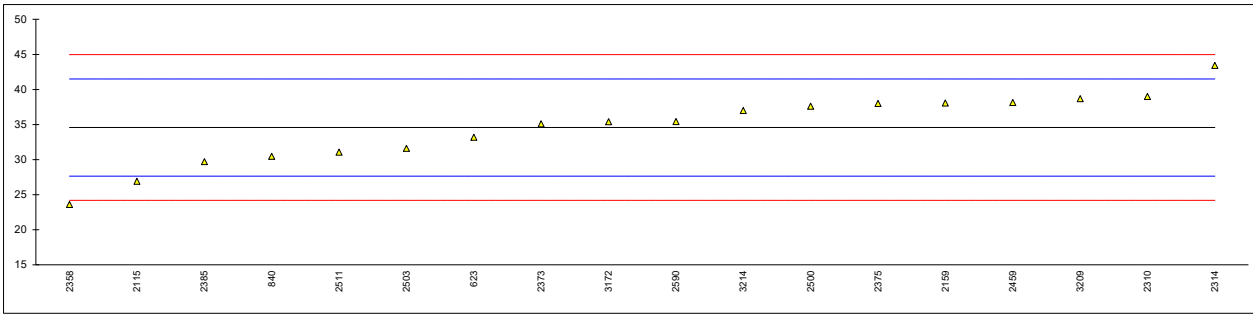
Determination of Chromium as Cr on sample #23630-2; results in mg/kg

lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)	remarks
210		----		----	
623	In house	201.85		-0.65	
840	In house	218.51		0.12	
1126		----		----	
2115	EN16711-1	162.63		-2.47	
2121		----		----	
2146		----		----	
2159	In house	194.9		-0.98	
2165	EN16711-1	235.7		0.91	
2182		----		----	
2184	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	225.2		0.43	
2216	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	236		0.93	
2230		----		----	
2256	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	160.025		-2.59	
2265	EN16711-1	205.0		-0.51	
2310	EN16711-1	245		1.34	
2311	EN16711-1	251.78		1.66	
2314	EN16711-1	258.14		1.95	
2326		----		----	
2347		----		----	
2350		----		----	
2358	EN16711-1	177		-1.80	
2366	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	232		0.74	
2373	EN16711-1	235.3		0.90	
2375	EN16711-1	225		0.42	
2380	EN16711-1	206.274		-0.45	
2381	EN16711-1	217.90		0.09	
2382		----		----	
2385	In house	158		-2.68	
2459	EN16711-1	173.6		-1.96	
2475		----		----	
2500	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	225.1		0.42	
2503	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	180		-1.67	
2511		----		----	
2590	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	257.071	C	1.90	first reported 49.58
2591		----		----	
2622		----		----	
2624		----		----	
2637		----		----	
2678		----		----	
2734		----		----	
2737	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	253.19		1.72	
2741		----		----	
2810		----		----	
2829		----		----	
2864		----		----	
2977	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	242.0		1.21	
2995	EN62321-5	162		-2.50	
3116		----		----	
3172	EN16711-1	250.7		1.61	
3209	In house	240.36		1.13	
3214	EN16711-1	218.75		0.13	
3228	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	230		0.65	
	normality	OK			
	n	30			
	outliers	0			
	mean (n)	215.9660			
	st.dev. (n)	31.65342	RSD=15%		
	R(calc.)	88.6296			
	st.dev.(IEC62321-5:14)	21.59660			
	R(IEC62321-5:14)	60.4705			



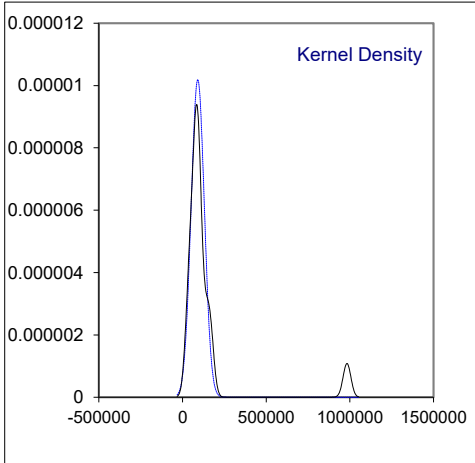
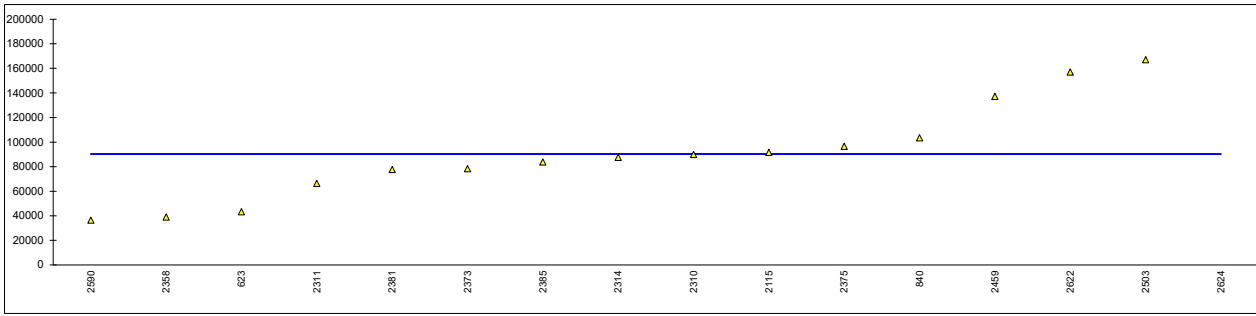
Determination of Cobalt as Co on sample #23630-2; results in mg/kg

lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)	remarks
210		----		----	
623	In house	33.19		-0.40	
840	In house	30.46		-1.19	
1126		----		----	
2115	EN16711-1	26.92		-2.21	
2121		----		----	
2146		----		----	
2159	In house	38.068		1.01	
2165		----		----	
2182		----		----	
2184		----		----	
2216		----		----	
2230		----		----	
2256		----		----	
2265		----		----	
2310	EN16711-1	39		1.28	
2311	EN16711-1	Not Detected		----	possibly a false negative test result?
2314	EN16711-1	43.43		2.56	
2326		----		----	
2347		----		----	
2350		----		----	
2358	EN16711-1	23.6		-3.17	
2366		----		----	
2373	EN16711-1	35.1		0.15	
2375	EN16711-1	38		0.99	
2380		----		----	
2381		----		----	
2382		----		----	
2385	In house	29.7		-1.41	
2459	EN16711-1	38.14		1.03	
2475		----		----	
2500	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	37.6		0.87	
2503	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	31.6		-0.86	
2511	EN16711-1	31.076		-1.01	
2590	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	35.42		0.24	
2591		----		----	
2622		----		----	
2624		----		----	
2637		----		----	
2678		----		----	
2734		----		----	
2737		----		----	
2741		----		----	
2810		----		----	
2829		----		----	
2864		----		----	
2977	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	not detected		----	possibly a false negative test result?
2995		----		----	
3116		----		----	
3172	EN16711-1	35.4		0.24	
3209	In house	38.68		1.19	
3214	EN16711-1	36.99		0.70	
3228		----		----	
	normality	OK			
	n	18			
	outliers	0			
	mean (n)	34.5763			
	st.dev. (n)	4.91634	RSD=14%		
	R(calc.)	13.7658			
	st.dev.(IEC62321-5:14)	3.45763			
	R(IEC62321-5:14)	9.6814			



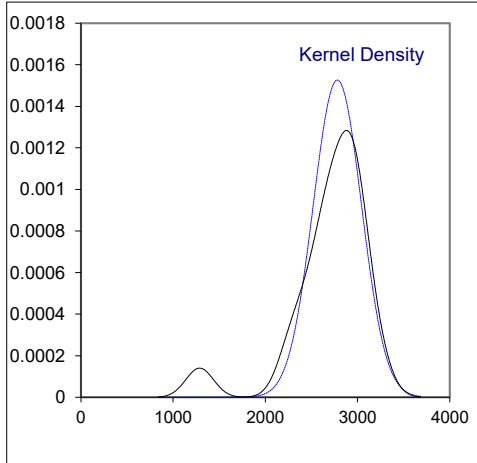
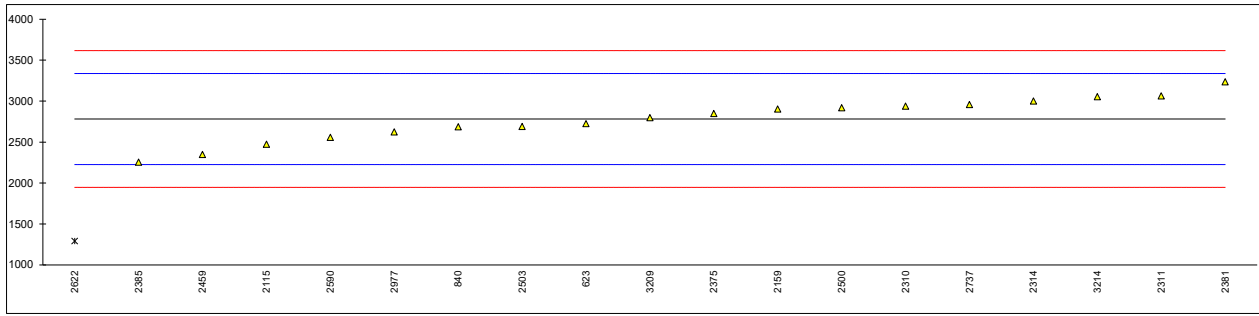
Determination of Copper as Cu on sample #23630-2; results in mg/kg

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210		----		----	
623	In house	43233.86		----	
840	In house	103506.6		----	
1126		----		----	
2115	EN16711-1	91669	C	----	first reported 208622.2
2121		----		----	
2146		----		----	
2159		----		----	
2165		----		----	
2182		----		----	
2184		----		----	
2216		----		----	
2230		----		----	
2256		----		----	
2265		----		----	
2310	EN16711-1	89825		----	
2311	EN16711-1	66229.66		----	
2314	EN16711-1	87532.43		----	
2326		----		----	
2347		----		----	
2350		----		----	
2358	EN16711-1	38916		----	
2366		----		----	
2373	EN16711-1	78346.3		----	
2375	EN16711-1	96609		----	
2380		----		----	
2381	EN16711-1	77582.50		----	
2382		----		----	
2385	In house	83810		----	
2459	EN16711-1	137253.32		----	
2475		----		----	
2500		----		----	
2503	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	167000	C	----	first reported 167.000
2511		----		----	
2590	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	36396.41		----	
2591		----		----	
2622		157000		----	
2624	In house	981930	G(0.01)	----	
2637		----		----	
2678		----		----	
2734		----		----	
2737		----		----	
2741		----		----	
2810		----		----	
2829		----		----	
2864		----		----	
2977	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	not detected		----	possibly a false negative test result?
2995		----		----	
3116		----		----	
3172		----		----	
3209		----		----	
3214		----		----	
3228		----		----	
	normality	OK			
	n	15			
	outliers	1			
	mean (n)	90327.34			
	st.dev. (n)	39140.426	RSD=43%		
	R(calc.)	109593.19			
	st.dev.(IEC62321-5:14)	(9032.734)			
	R(IEC62321-5:14)	(25291.66)			



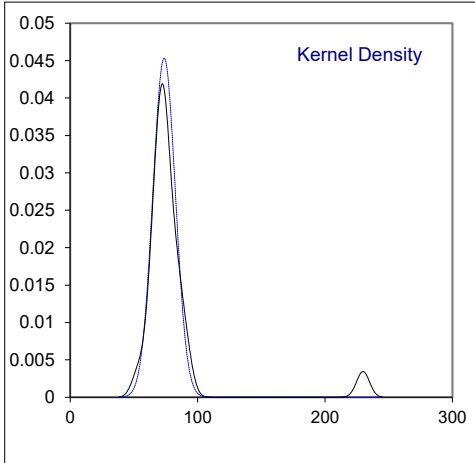
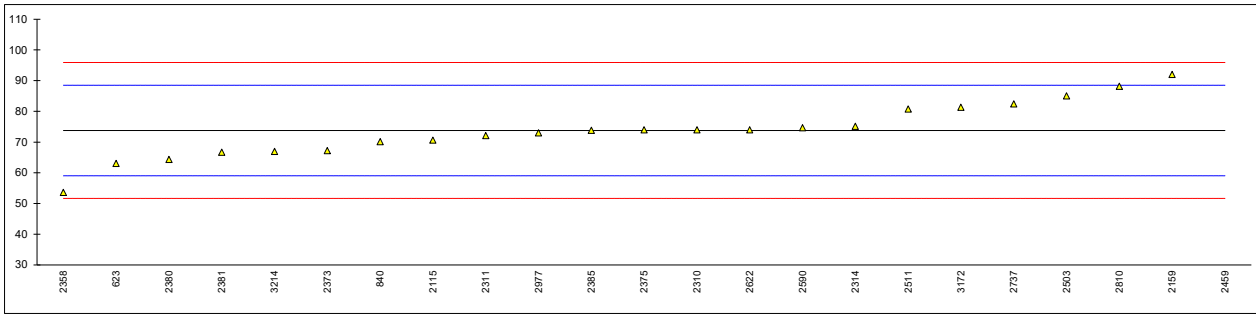
Determination of Manganese as Mn on sample #23630-2; results in mg/kg

lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)	remarks
210		----		----	
623	In house	2724.64		-0.21	
840	In house	2685.61		-0.35	
1126		----		----	
2115	EN16711-1	2474.4		-1.10	
2121		----		----	
2146		----		----	
2159	In house	2903		0.44	
2165		----		----	
2182		----		----	
2184		----		----	
2216		----		----	
2230		----		----	
2256		----		----	
2265		----		----	
2310	EN16711-1	2938		0.56	
2311	EN16711-1	3062.84		1.01	
2314	EN16711-1	3002.25		0.79	
2326		----		----	
2347		----		----	
2350		----		----	
2358		----		----	
2366		----		----	
2373		----		----	
2375	EN16711-1	2847		0.23	
2380		----		----	
2381	EN16711-1	3235.60		1.63	
2382		----		----	
2385	In house	2254		-1.90	
2459	EN16711-1	2346.25		-1.57	
2475		----		----	
2500	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	2919.1		0.49	
2503	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	2690	C	-0.33	first reported 2.690
2511		----		----	
2590	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	2556.55		-0.81	
2591		----		----	
2622		1289	G(0.01)	-5.37	
2624		----		----	
2637		----		----	
2678		----		----	
2734		----		----	
2737	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	2958.47		0.64	
2741		----		----	
2810		----		----	
2829		----		----	
2864		----		----	
2977	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	2622		-0.57	
2995		----		----	
3116		----		----	
3172		----		----	
3209	In house	2797.01		0.05	
3214	EN16711-1	3054.85		0.98	
3228		----		----	
	normality	OK			
	n	18			
	outliers	1			
	mean (n)	2781.754			
	st.dev. (n)	261.4100	RSD=9%		
	R(calc.)	731.948			
	st.dev.(IEC62321-5:14)	278.1754			
	R(IEC62321-5:14)	778.891			



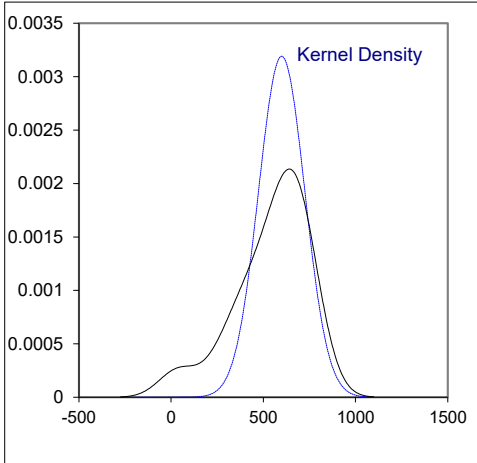
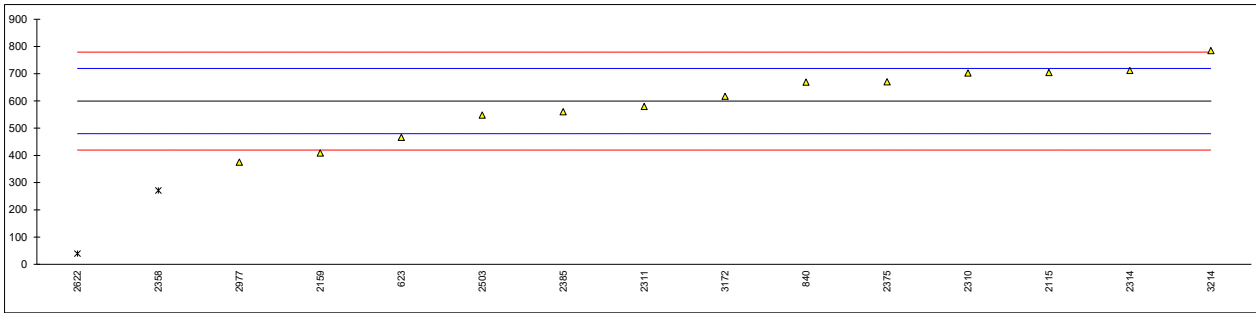
Determination of Nickel as Ni on sample #23630-2; results in mg/kg

lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)	remarks
210		----		----	
623	In house	63.03		-1.46	
840	In house	70.11		-0.50	
1126		----		----	
2115	EN16711-1	70.6		-0.43	
2121		----		----	
2146		----		----	
2159	In house	92.02		2.47	
2165		----		----	
2182		----		----	
2184		----		----	
2216		----		----	
2230		----		----	
2256		----		----	
2265		----		----	
2310	EN16711-1	74		0.03	
2311	EN16711-1	72.11		-0.22	
2314	EN16711-1	75.10		0.18	
2326		----		----	
2347		----		----	
2350		----		----	
2358	EN16711-1	53.6		-2.73	
2366		----		----	
2373	EN16711-1	67.2		-0.89	
2375	EN16711-1	74		0.03	
2380	EN16711-1	64.329		-1.28	
2381	EN16711-1	66.70		-0.96	
2382		----		----	
2385	In house	73.8		0.00	
2459	EN16711-1	229.76	R(0.01)	21.15	
2475		----		----	
2500		----		----	
2503	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	85		1.52	
2511	EN16711-1	80.759		0.95	
2590	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	74.67		0.12	
2591		----		----	
2622		74		0.03	
2624		----		----	
2637		----		----	
2678		----		----	
2734		----		----	
2737	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	82.39		1.17	
2741		----		----	
2810	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	88.19		1.96	
2829		----		----	
2864		----		----	
2977	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	72.98		-0.11	
2995		----		----	
3116		----		----	
3172	EN16711-1	81.3		1.02	
3209		----		----	
3214	EN16711-1	66.96		-0.92	
3228		----		----	
	normality	OK			
	n	22			
	outliers	1			
	mean (n)	73.766			
	st.dev. (n)	8.8030	RSD=12%		
	R(calc.)	24.648			
	st.dev.(IEC62321-5:14)	7.3766			
	R(IEC62321-5:14)	20.654			



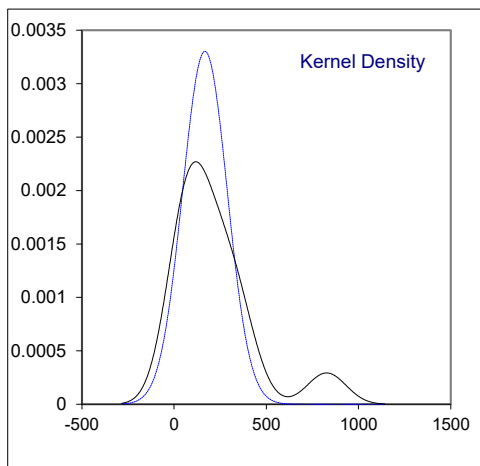
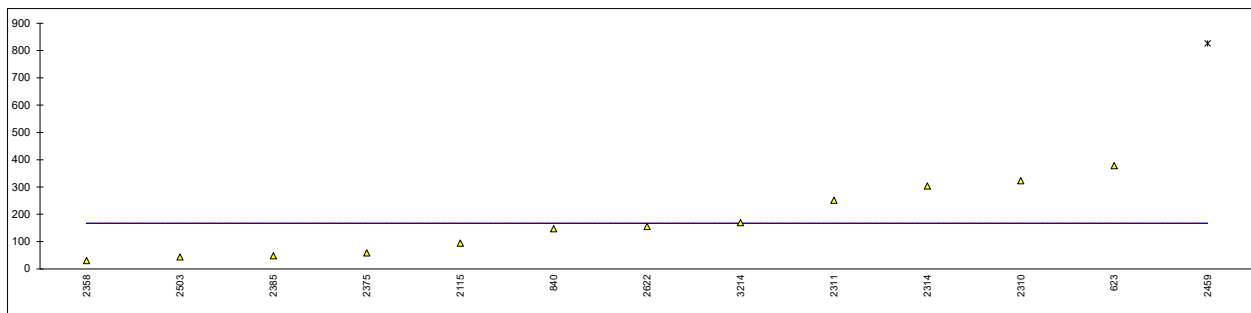
Determination of Tin as Sn on sample #23630-2; results in mg/kg

lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)	remarks
210		----		----	
623	In house	465.98		-2.23	
840	In house	668.99		1.16	
1126		----		----	
2115	EN16711-1	703.9		1.74	
2121		----		----	
2146		----		----	
2159	In house	408.5		-3.19	
2165		----		----	
2182		----		----	
2184		----		----	
2216		----		----	
2230		----		----	
2256		----		----	
2265		----		----	
2310	EN16711-1	702		1.71	
2311	EN16711-1	579.11		-0.34	
2314	EN16711-1	711.54		1.87	
2326		----		----	
2347		----		----	
2350		----		----	
2358	EN16711-1	271	C,DG(0.05)	-5.48	first reported 150
2366		----		----	
2373		----		----	
2375	EN16711-1	670		1.17	
2380		----		----	
2381		----		----	
2382		----		----	
2385	In house	560		-0.66	
2459		----		----	
2475		----		----	
2500		----		----	
2503	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	548		-0.86	
2511		----		----	
2590		----		----	
2591		----		----	
2622		39	DG(0.05)	-9.35	
2624		----		----	
2637		----		----	
2678		----		----	
2734		----		----	
2737		----		----	
2741		----		----	
2810		----		----	
2829		----		----	
2864		----		----	
2977	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	375.0		-3.75	
2995		----		----	
3116		----		----	
3172	EN16711-1	617		0.29	
3209		----		----	
3214	EN16711-1	784.44		3.08	
3228		----		----	
	normality	OK			
	n	13			
	outliers	2			
	mean (n)	599.574			
	st.dev. (n)	125.0346	RSD=21%		
	R(calc.)	350.097			
	st.dev.(IEC62321-5:14)	59.9574			
	R(IEC62321-5:14)	167.881			



Determination of Zinc as Zn on sample #23630-2; results in mg/kg

lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)	remarks
210		----		----	
623	In house	377.89		----	
840	In house	146.70		----	
1126		----		----	
2115	EN16711-1	94.07		----	
2121		----		----	
2146		----		----	
2159		----		----	
2165		----		----	
2182		----		----	
2184		----		----	
2216		----		----	
2230		----		----	
2256		----		----	
2265		----		----	
2310	EN16711-1	323		----	
2311	EN16711-1	251.36		----	
2314	EN16711-1	303.47		----	
2326		----		----	
2347		----		----	
2350		----		----	
2358	EN16711-1	30.3		----	
2366		----		----	
2373		----		----	
2375	EN16711-1	58		----	
2380		----		----	
2381		----		----	
2382		----		----	
2385	In house	48.0		----	
2459	EN16711-1	826.52	G(0.01)	----	
2475		----		----	
2500		----		----	
2503	CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3	43.7		----	
2511		----		----	
2590		----		----	
2591		----		----	
2622		155		----	
2624		----		----	
2637		----		----	
2678		----		----	
2734		----		----	
2737		----		----	
2741		----		----	
2810		----		----	
2829		----		----	
2864		----		----	
2977		----		----	
2995		----		----	
3116		----		----	
3172		----		----	
3209		----		----	
3214	EN16711-1	169.01		----	
3228		----		----	
	normality	OK			
	n	12			
	outliers	1			
	mean (n)	166.7083			
	st.dev. (n)	120.74050	RSD=72%		
	R(calc.)	338.0734			
	st.dev.(IEC62321-5:14)	(16.67083)			
	R(IEC62321-5:14)	(46.6783)			



APPENDIX 3

Other reported Metals in sample #23630-1; results in mg/kg

lab	Sb	As	Cr	Co	Mn
210	----	----	----	----	----
623	75.35	Not Detected	Not Detected	Not Detected	Not Detected
840	----	----	----	----	----
1126	----	----	----	----	----
2115	1.71	----	----	----	1.83
2121	----	----	----	----	----
2146	----	----	----	----	----
2159	----	----	----	----	----
2165	----	----	Not detected	----	----
2182	----	----	----	----	----
2184	----	----	<10	----	----
2216	52	None Detected	3	Not Determined	Not Determined
2230	----	----	----	----	----
2256	----	----	Not detected	----	----
2265	not analysed	not detected	not detected	not analysed	not analysed
2310	<10	not detected	not detected	not detected	not detected
2311	Not Detected	Not Detected	Not Detected	Not Detected	Not Detected
2314	9.11	----	----	----	----
2326	----	----	----	----	----
2347	----	----	----	----	----
2350	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2358	not detected	not detected	not detected	not detected	not determined
2366	----	----	----	----	----
2373	not analyzed	not analyzed	not analyzed	not analyzed	not analyzed
2375	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
2380	----	----	----	----	----
2381	----	----	----	----	----
2382	no capability	no capability	no capability	no capability	no capability
2385	<10	<10	<10	<10	128
2459	84.62	----	ND	ND	ND
2475	----	----	----	----	----
2500	----	----	ND	ND	ND
2503	379	336	----	----	----
2511	----	----	----	----	----
2590	< L.O.Q.	----	< L.O.Q.	< L.O.Q.	----
2591	----	----	----	----	----
2622	----	----	----	----	----
2624	----	----	----	----	----
2637	21	23	150	22	1790
2678	----	----	----	----	----
2734	----	----	----	----	----
2737	----	----	----	----	----
2741	----	----	----	----	----
2810	----	----	----	----	----
2829	not analyzed	not analyzed	not analyzed	not analyzed	not analyzed
2864	----	----	----	----	----
2977	not detected	not detected	not detected	not detected	not detected
2995	----	----	not detected	----	----
3116	----	----	----	----	----
3172	< 10	< 10	< 10	< 10	----
3209	----	----	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0
3214	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
3228	----	----	<10	----	----

Other reported Metals in sample #23630-1; results in mg/kg -continued

lab	Hg	Ni	Se	Sr	Zr
210	----	----	----	----	----
623	Not Detected	Not Detected	Not Detected	Not Detected	Not Detected
840	----	----	----	----	----
1126	----	----	----	----	----
2115	0.45	1.85	3.24	----	----
2121	----	----	----	----	----
2146	----	----	----	----	----
2159	----	----	----	----	----
2165	Not detected	----	----	----	----
2182	----	----	----	----	----
2184	<10	----	----	----	----
2216	None Detected	Not Determined	None Detected	Not Determined	Not Determined
2230	----	----	----	----	----
2256	Not detected	----	----	----	----
2265	not detected	not analysed	not analysed	not analysed	not analysed
2310	not detected	not detected	not detected	not detected	not detected
2311	Not Detected	Not Detected	Not Detected	Not Detected	Not Detected
2314	----	----	----	----	----
2326	----	----	----	----	----
2347	----	----	----	----	----
2350	< 2	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2358	not detected	not detected	not detected	not determined	not determined
2366	----	----	----	----	----
2373	not analyzed	not analyzed	not analyzed	not analyzed	not analyzed
2375	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
2380	----	----	----	----	----
2381	----	----	----	----	----
2382	no capability	no capability	no capability	no capability	no capability
2385	<1	<10	<10	<10	<10
2459	----	ND	ND	ND	----
2475	----	----	----	----	----
2500	ND	----	----	----	----
2503	----	41.7	508	----	----
2511	----	----	----	----	----
2590	< L.O.Q.	< L.O.Q.	----	< L.O.Q.	----
2591	----	----	----	----	----
2622	----	212	----	----	----
2624	----	----	----	----	----
2637	not detected	45	not detected	not detected	not detected
2678	----	----	----	----	----
2734	----	----	----	----	----
2737	----	----	----	----	----
2741	----	----	----	----	----
2810	----	----	----	----	----
2829	not analyzed	not analyzed	not analyzed	not analyzed	not analyzed
2864	not detected	----	----	----	----
2977	not detected	not detected	not detected	not detected	not detected
2995	not detected	----	----	----	----
3116	----	----	----	----	----
3172	< 10	< 10	----	----	----
3209	<5.0	----	----	----	----
3214	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
3228	<10	----	----	----	----

Other reported Metals in sample #23630-2; results in mg/kg

lab	Sb	Cd	Pb	Hg	Se	Sr	Zr
210	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
623	Not Detected	15.69	30.04	Not Detected	Not Detected	Not Detected	Not Detected
840	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	not analyzed
1126	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
2115	2.98	1.98	1.59	----	----	----	----
2121	----	----	0.8825	----	----	----	----
2146	----	33.5	< 100 mg/kg	----	----	----	----
2159	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
2165	----	Not detected	Not detected	Not detected	----	----	----
2182	----	not detected	not detected	----	----	----	----
2184	----	<10	<10	<10	----	----	----
2216	None Detected	20	2	None Detected	None Detected	Not Determined	Not Determined
2230	----	----	<10	----	----	----	----
2256	----	Not detected	ND	Not detected	----	----	----
2265	not analysed	not detected	not detected	not detected	not analysed	not analysed	not analysed
2310	not detected	not detected	38.2	not detected	not detected	not detected	not detected
2311	Not Detected	Not Detected	28.38	Not Detected	Not Detected	Not Detected	Not Detected
2314	----	----	48.73	----	----	----	----
2326	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
2347	----	<5	<20	----	----	----	----
2350	N.A.	< 5	< 50	< 2	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2358	not detected	not detected	not detected	not detected	not detected	not determined	not determined
2366	<20	<5	<10	<5	<20	----	----
2373	<20	<5	<20	<5	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
2375	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
2380	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
2381	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
2382	no capability	no capability	not detected	no capability	no capability	no capability	no capability
2385	<10	<10	<20	<1	<10	<10	<10
2459	310.01	28.21	98.42	----	----	198.00	----
2475	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
2500	----	ND	ND	ND	----	----	----
2503	35	----	----	----	----	----	----
2511	----	----	<10	----	----	----	----
2590	< L.O.Q.	2.10	< L.O.Q.	< L.O.Q.	----	< L.O.Q.	----
2591	----	not detected	not detected	----	----	----	----
2622	----	<5	<25	----	----	----	----
2624	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
2637	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
2678	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
2734	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
2737	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
2741	----	----	<20	----	----	----	----
2810	----	not detected	not detected	----	----	----	----
2829	not analyzed	not detected	not detected	not analyzed	not analyzed	not analyzed	not analyzed
2864	----	41.26	not detected	not detected	----	----	----
2977	not detected	not detected	not detected	not detected	not detected	not detected	not detected
2995	----	not detected	not detected	not detected	----	----	----
3116	----	----	<50	----	----	----	----
3172	< 10	10.6	< 5	< 10	----	----	----
3209	----	<5.0	<10.0	<5.0	----	----	----
3214	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
3228	----	<10	<10	<10	----	----	----

APPENDIX 4 Analytical details

lab	Accredited ISO17025	Intake in grams	Digestion acid used	Concentration Acid	Quantify technique used
210	---				---
623	Yes	0.2	HNO3 Aquaregia for Sn	16	ICP-OES
840	Yes	0.3	7.5mLHNO3:2.5mLHCl	14%	ICP-OES and ICP-MS
1126	---				---
2115	Yes	0.1 g	HNO3		ICP-MS
2121	Yes	80mg	4.5mL HNO3 + 1.5mL HCl	HNO3 69.5% HCl 37%	ICP-MS
2146	No	#23630-1: whole sample (1,9 g) was digested #23630-2: 0,2 g	HNO3	67 % (wt/wt)	ICP-OES
2159	Yes	0.2 grams	Nitric acid	% 65 nitric acid	ICP-OES
2165	Yes	0.1g, nearest to 0.1mg	Aqua regia	8%(V/V) Aqua regia	ICP-OES
2182	Yes	0.1g	Nitric acid	67-69%	AAS
2184	Yes	0.1g	HNO3 and HCl	24%	ICP-MS
2216	Yes	#23630-1 = 0.9758 g #23630-2 = 0.98 g	Nitric and hydrochloric acids	9% HNO3 / 6% HCl	ICP-MS
2230	Yes	0.2388 g	aqua regia	40%	ICP-OES
2256	Yes	23630-1:0.0726g 23630-2:0.0656g	conc. HNO3 & conc. HCl	Acid mixture (10% nitric acid + 4% hydrochloric acid)	ICP-OES
2265	Yes	0,1	HNO3 / HCl	3 / 1	ICP-OES
2310	Yes	0.25	Conc.Nitric acid	69%	ICP-MS
2311	Yes	0.1	Nitric Acid	69	ICP-OES
2314	Yes	0.1g	Nitric acid	69%	ICP-OES
2326	---				---
2347	No	0.25	HNO3/HCl	20%	ICP-OES
2350	Yes	approximately 0.2g	Nitric acid & hydrochloric acid	Nitric acid 70% , hydrochloric acid 36%	ICP-OES
2358	Yes	0.25	HNO3	65	ICP-MS
2366	Yes				---
2373	Yes	0.1g	HCL,HNO3	HCL:36%~38% HNO3:65%~68%	ICP-OES
2375	Yes	0.15 gram	HNO3 + HCl	9 mL + 3 mL	ICP-MS
2380	Yes	0.20 g	HNO3 & HCl	HNO3-65% & HCl-37%	ICP-OES
2381	Yes	0.25	Nitric acid	65%	ICP-OES
2382	Yes	1.5g	HNO3&HCL	HNO3 : 69.0~72.0% HCL : 36.0~38.0%	AAS
2385	---				---
2459	Yes	0.2	Aqua Regia	Conc. Acids (Nitric and Hydro Chloric Acid is used for digestion)	ICP-OES / AAS
2475	No	0.1	2.5 ml HNO3 and 7.5 ml HCl		ICP-MS
2500	Yes	0.1 gram	Nitric acid / Hydrochloric acid	Nitric acid 65-70% Hydrochloric acid 37%	ICP-OES
2503	---				---
2511	---				---
2590	Yes	0.2 gr	HNO3	4%	ICP-MS
2591	Yes	0,1 grams	Nitric Acid		ICP-MS
2622	Yes	0.5117 gr	Nitric acid and hydrochloric acid		AAS
2624	Yes	0.1506	HNO3	~ 20%	ICP-OES
2637	No				ICP-MS
2678	---				---
2734	---				---
2737	Yes	0.2g	HNO3:HCl=1:3	HNO3:65% HCl : 36%	ICP-OES
2741	Yes	0.1g	HNO3 65%.	3%	ICP-MS
2810	Yes	0,8577g sample 1 1,4266g sample 2	Nitric acid / Hydrochloric acid	37% Hydrochloric acid / 65% Nitric acid	ICP-OES
2829	No	0.09	Nitric and hydrochloric acid	HCl 37% and HNO3 65%	ICP-OES
2864	No	0.2g	Nitric acid	65%	ICP-OES
2977	Yes	0,1	HNO3 HCl	7	ICP-OES
2995	No	#22630-1: 0.9494 g #22630-2: 1.0259 g	HNO3 + HCl	HNO3 65% / HCl 37%	ICP-OES
3116	Yes	0.1 (for both CPSC and Canada methods)	Conc. nitric acid and conc. hydrochloric acid (for both CPSC & Canada methods)	8 mL HNO3 / 3 mL HCl (for CPSC method) 8 mL HNO3 / 2 mL HCl (for Canada method)	ICP-OES
3172	Yes				---
3209	Yes		aqua regia (hydrochloric acid ; Nitric acid = 3:1 V/V)	20%	ICP-OES
3214	No	0.15 grams	9ml Hcl, 3ml HNO3 1 ml HF	26%	ICP-OES
3228	Yes	0.1-0.2g	concentrated HNO3 and HCl	10%HNO3+10%HCl in sample solution	ICP-OES

APPENDIX 5

Number of participants per country

2 labs in BANGLADESH
1 lab in FINLAND
2 labs in FRANCE
3 labs in GERMANY
4 labs in HONG KONG
3 labs in INDIA
1 lab in INDONESIA
9 labs in ITALY
1 lab in KOREA, Republic of
1 lab in MOROCCO
10 labs in P.R. of CHINA
2 labs in PAKISTAN
1 lab in SPAIN
3 labs in TAIWAN
1 lab in THE NETHERLANDS
3 labs in TUNISIA
2 labs in TURKEY
2 labs in U.S.A.
2 labs in VIETNAM

APPENDIX 6

Abbreviations

C	= final test result after checking of first reported suspect test result
D(0.01)	= outlier in Dixon's outlier test
D(0.05)	= straggler in Dixon's outlier test
G(0.01)	= outlier in Grubbs' outlier test
G(0.05)	= straggler in Grubbs' outlier test
DG(0.01)	= outlier in Double Grubbs' outlier test
DG(0.05)	= straggler in Double Grubbs' outlier test
R(0.01)	= outlier in Rosner's outlier test
R(0.05)	= straggler in Rosner's outlier test
W	= test result withdrawn on request of participant
ex	= test result excluded from statistical evaluation
n.a.	= not applicable
n.e.	= not evaluated
n.d.	= not detected
fr.	= first reported

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