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1 Scope

This Standard specifies the inspection methods for the colour, appearance, softening point, acid value, unsaponifiable matter, ethanol insoluble matter, and ash of rosin.

This Standard is applicable to the inspection of rosin.

2 Normative References

The provisions in following documents become the provisions of this Standard through reference in this Standard. For dated references, the subsequent amendments (excluding corrigendum) or revisions do not apply to this Standard, however, parties who reach an agreement based on this Standard are encouraged to study if the latest versions of these documents are applicable. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document applies.

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3.1 Colour grading

The colour grading of rosin uses rosin chromaticity standard blocks, each set has a total of six glass standard colour blocks. A set of rosin chromaticity standard device No.

S20 preserved by the Institute of Chemical Industry of Forest Products CAF stipulates as the color grading standard of rosin chromaticity standard block; the chromaticity index of 1931 standard chromaticity system of the International Commission on

Illumination (CIE) for all grades of colours is shown in Table 1.

3.2.3 Other colorimeters

The inspection of rosin colour shall be based on the rosin chromaticity standard block as the grading standard. It is allowed to use other colorimeters whose colorimetric effect is equivalent to that of the chromaticity standard block after being checked by the chromaticity standard block.

3.3 Determination of appearance

Under indoor natural light or normal lighting conditions, horizontally place one observation surface of the sample block used to determine the colour grade made according to 3.2.1 on an ordinary newspaper; and observe downward from the other observation surface, if it can read the No.5 printed font clearly, it is transparent;

otherwise, it is opaque.

4 Determination of Softening Point (Ring-and-Ball

Method)

4.1 Summary of the method

Rosin has no fixed melting point and becomes soft when heated. Fill two copper rings of specified thickness and diameter with rosin; respectively place a steel ball of specified mass and diameter on the ironed rosin through a positioner; and then heat it in a heating medium at a certain temperature-rise speed; then the instantaneous temperature at which the rosin wrapped with steel ball falling a fixed distance is the softening point of the rosin.

4.2 Apparatus

4.2.1

The softening point tester, the device is shown in Figure 1; and the main parts are shown in Figure 2.

4.2.6 Thermometer, internal standard type, immersion height of 55mm, tail length of

100mm, scale range of 30°C~100°C, minimum graduation of 0.2°C, mercury bulb outer diameter of 5.0mm±0.5mm, mercury bulb length of 8mm ±2mm, and total length of 380mm±10mm.

4.2.7 Beaker with the capacity of about 800 mL, the diameter of 90mm, and the height of no less than 140mm.

4.2.8 Stirrer, generally manual stirrer is used, mechanical stirrer or electromagnetic stirrer

may also be used. When stirring, the speed shall be uniform and shall not form a vortex, vibration or air bubbles.

4.3.1 Freshly boiled distilled water

Put about 800 mL of ordinary distilled water into a 1000 mL beaker and heat it to boiling; and then cool it to 35°C below. Then it is used for the determination of rosin samples with a softening point no greater than 80°C.

4.3.2 Glyceryl (glycerol)

It shall be analytically pure, which comply with GB/T687. It is used for the determination of rosin samples with a softening point greater than 80°C. Repeated use shall not affect the determination results.

4.4 Operation method

4.4.1

Once-melt specimen shall be used for two parallel determinations under the same conditions.

4.4.2

Take about 5g of rosin and crush into a diameter of about 5mm in a container; slowly heat it to melt at the possible lowest temperature to avoid bubbles and smoke.

Pour the molten rosin into the preheated ring on the copper plate immediately. When the rosin is completely solidified, gently remove the copper plate. The ring shall be full of rosin; and the surface shall be slightly raised. Use an electric iron to iron it out for inspection. If the rosin in the ring has sunken or bubbles, it shall be remade.

4.4.3

Put the prepared specimen ring on the ring frame plate; install the steel ball positioner on the ring; and then put the steel ball into the centre of the steel ball positioner. Then insert the thermometer from the top cover of the ring frame; so that the bottom of the mercury ball and the bottom surface of the ring are on the same plane; and then put the entire ring frame into an 800mL beaker. After the above device is completed, pour the freshly boiled distilled water into the beaker; so that the upper surface of the ring frame plate is kept at 51mm from the water surface. After standing for 10min; use an adjustable electric furnace or other heat source to heat the water to

Dissolve 33g of potassium hydroxide (comply with GB/T 2306, analytically pure) in a small amount of distilled water without carbon dioxide; add this distilled water to dilute to 1000mL; and mix well. The working standard reagent potassium hydrogen phthalate (comply with GB

1257) is used as the reference substance; and calibrate according to the calibration method of 0.5mol/L sodium hydroxide standard titration solution specified in GB/T 601, and accurate to 0.001 mol/L.

5.3 Operation method

5.3.1

Make parallel determinations of two portions of test materials.

5.3.2

Remove the outer part of the rosin and crash it; immediately take 2g of the specimen (accurate to 0.001g) into a 250mL conical flask; add 50mL of neutral ethanol to dissolve it (if necessary, heat on a water bath to make the entire specimen, then let it cool); add 5 drops of phenolphthalein indicator; and then titrate with 0.5mol/L potassium hydroxide standard titration solution until the reddish colour does not fade for 30s.

5.4.1 Calculation

The acid value is calculated by the mass fraction w_n of potassium hydroxide (KOH), expressed in mg/g; and it shall be calculated according to Formula (1).

Where.

V - value of volume of potassium hydroxide standard titration solution (5.2.3), in mL;

c - accurate value of the concentration of potassium hydroxide standard titration solution, in mol/L;

m - value of mass of the test materials, in g;

M - value of molar mass of the potassium hydroxide, ($M=56.11$), in g/mol.

The calculation of results shall be expressed to 1 digit after the decimal point.

5.4.2 Report

The difference between the absolute values of the two parallel tests is allowed to be

0.5 mg/g; and take arithmetic mean as the final result, which is retained to one digit after the decimal point.

another 500mL separatory funnel; and leave the upper ether solution in the original funnel.

6.3.3 Add 30mL of ether to the funnel containing the aqueous soap liquid; shake the funnel; and let it stand to divide into two layers. Pour the soap liquid into the original conical flask used for the saponification; and merge the ether solution into the first separatory funnel. Pour the soap liquid in the conical flask into the second separatory funnel; add 30mL of ether; repeat the treatment once, and discard the soap liquid.