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#### DETERMINATION OF IRON CONTENT

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The ISO Recommendation R 915, Sulphuric acid and oleum for industrial use Determination of iron content – 2,2'-bipyridyl spectrophotometric method, was drawn up by Technical Committee ISO/TC 47, Chemistry, the Secretariat of which is held by the Ente Nazionale Italiano di Unificazione (UNI).

Based on detailed work on this question carried out by the Technical Committee, a Draft ISO Recommendation was adopted in 1965.

In June 1967, this Draft ISO Recommendation (No. 1185) was circulated to all the ISO Member Bodies for enquiry. It was approved, subject to a few modifications of an editorial nature, by the following Member Bodies:

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No Member Body opposed the approval of the Draft.

The Draft ISO Recommendation was then submitted by correspondence to the ISO Council which decided, in December 1968, to accept it as an ISO RECOMMENDATION.

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#### 1. SCOPE

This ISO Recommendation describes a 2,2'—bipyridyl spectrophotometric method for the determination of the iron content of sulphuric acid and oleum for industrial use.

## 2. FIELD OF APPLICATION

The method is applicable to the determination of iron content, expressed as Fe greater than 1 p.p.m.

#### 3. PRINCIPLE

Evaporation of the test portion, taking up by means of hydrochloric acid and reduction of iron (III) by means of hydroxylammonium chloride.

Formation of an iron (II) 2,2'-bipyridyl complex in a buffered medium (pH value between 4.5 and 6).

Spectrophotometric measurement of the coloured complex at a wavelength of about 522 nm.