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# Determination of free water for compound fertilizers - Karl Fischer method

## 1 Scope

This Standard specifies the determination of free water content for compound fertilizers by the method of using dioxane to extract the free water from the fertilizer and then using the Karl Fischer reagent to titrate.

## 2 Normative references

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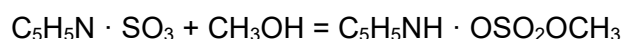
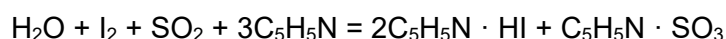
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GB/T 8571 Preparation of laboratory samples for compound fertilizers

HG/T 2843 Chemical fertilizer products - Standard volumetric standard reagent and indicator solutions for chemical analysis

## 3 Principle

The free water in the sample is quantitatively reacted with the Karl Fischer reagent with the known titer of water. The reactions are as follows:



## 4 Reagents and materials

The reagents, solutions and water used in this Standard shall comply with the specifications of HG/T 2843 when their specification and formulation are not specified.

(except that it must be used for arbitration. Under normal cases, absolute ethanol or methanol can be used); SHAKE or oscillate for several minutes; STAND for 15 min, and then SHAKE or oscillate for several minutes. After the sample is slightly settled, TAKE part of the solution to centrifuge in the centrifuge tube with a brine bottle rubber stopper.

DRAIN the residual solution in the titration vessel through the outlet; ADD 50 mL of methanol to the titration vessel; the amount of methanol shall be enough to submerge the electrode; TURN on the power; TURN on the electromagnetic stirrer; as the same with titration of Karl Fischer reagent; USE Karl Fischer reagent to titrate until the galvanometer has the same skew as the calibration; MAINTAIN stable for 1 min.

TAKE 5.0 mL of dioxane extract from the centrifuge tube by syringe; INJECT into the titration vessel via the feed port; TITRATE to the end with Karl Fischer reagent; RECORD the volume ( $V_1$ ) of the consumed Karl Fischer reagent.

When dioxane is used as the extractant, the residue solution in the titration vessel shall be drained after three titrations; ADD methanol; TITRATE to the end with Karl Fischer reagent, followed by the next determination.

In the same manner, determine the volume ( $V_2$ ) of the Karl Fischer reagent consumed by 5.0 mL of dioxane.

## 7 Expression of analysis results

### 7.1 Calculation of analysis results

Free water content  $w$ , expressed as mass fraction (%), is calculated according to formula (1):

$$w = \frac{T(V_1 - V_2)}{m \times \frac{5}{50} \times 1000} \times 100 = \frac{(V_1 - V_2)T}{m} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

where:

$V_1$  - the value of the volume of the Karl Fischer reagent consumed by titrating 5.0 mL of dioxane extracts, in milliliters (mL);

$V_2$  - the value of the volume of the Karl Fischer reagent consumed by titrating 5.0 mL of dioxane, in milliliters (mL);

$T$  - the value of the titer of water of Karl Fischer reagent on, in milligrams per milliliter (mg/mL);

$m$  - the value of the sample mass, in grams (g).

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