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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee CH/16, Spectroscopy to supersede AS 3641.2—1990.

The objective of this Standard is to describe recommended procedures for the setting up and operation of inductively coupled plasma (ICP) instruments. The recommendations in this Standard are intended to apply to Australian Standard methods for ICP analysis.

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**STANDARDS AUSTRALIA****Australian Standard****Recommended practice for atomic emission spectrometric analysis****Part 2: Inductively coupled plasma excitation****SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL**

**1.1 SCOPE** This Standard sets out recommendations for instrumentation and operating procedures in the application of the inductively coupled plasma (ICP) excitation to chemical analysis by atomic emission spectrometry.

NOTE: This Standard is intended to be read in conjunction with AS 3641.1 and the instrument manufacturer's recommendations.

**1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS** The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

**AS**

- 2162 Verification and use of volumetric apparatus
- 2162.1 Part 1: General—Volumetric glassware
- 2243 Safety in laboratories
- 2243.5 Part 5: Non-ionizing radiations
- 2772 Radiofrequency radiation
- 2772.2 Part 2: Principles and methods of measurement—300 kHz to 100 GHz
- 2850 Chemical analysis—Interlaboratory test programs—For determining precision of analytical method(s)—Guide to the planning and conduct
- 2883 Analysis of metals—Procedures for the setting up, calibration and standardization of atomic emission spectrometers using arc/spark discharge
- 2929 Test methods—Guide to the format, style and content
- 3641 Recommended practice for atomic emission spectrometric analysis
- 3641.1 Part 1: Principles and techniques

**AS/NZS**

- 2243 Safety in laboratories
- 2243.2 Part 2: Chemical aspects

**ASTM**

- E 135 Terminology relating to analytical chemistry for metals, ores and related materials

**BS**

- 5703 Guide to data analysis and quality control using cusum techniques (series)

**1.3 DEFINITIONS** For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions in AS 2883 and ASTM E 135 apply.