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(closed cup)**

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PREFACE

The Standard test methods in this series were prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CH-009, Safe Handling of Chemicals, to supersede parts of AS/NZS 2106:1999, *Methods for the determination of the flash point of flammable liquids (closed cup)*.

The objective of this Standard is to describe methods for the determination of the flash point of flammable and combustible liquids, using closed cup apparatus.

The Standard has been revised to ensure the currency of its technical information, to align with international methods of test, and to provide a list of methods that can be used for determining a flash point.

This series comprises:

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(closed cup)****Part 0: General****1 SCOPE**

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- Part 5: Determination of flash/no flash—Closed cup equilibrium method
- Part 6: Determination of flash point—Closed cup equilibrium method

This Part (Part 0) provides general principles and a list of methods that can be used when determining the flash point, based on that given in the UN *Manual of Tests and Criteria* and *Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods—Model Regulations*

2 APPLICATION

The application of each method is given in the relevant Part of this Standard.

3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

A list of documents referred to in this Standard (other than those listed in Clause 6) is given below.

UNITED NATIONS (UN)

Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods—Model Regulations

Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods—Manual of Tests and Criteria

4 DEFINITION

For the purpose of this Standard, the following definition applies:

4.1 Flash point

The lowest temperature, corrected to a barometric pressure of 101.3 kPa, at which application of a test flame causes the vapour of the test portion to ignite under the specified conditions of test.