



**CERTIFICATE**  
**SPIKE ISOTOPIC REFERENCE MATERIAL IRMM-622**

**$9.739 (18) \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ mol } (^{111}\text{Cd}) \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \text{ (solution)}$**

The Spike Isotopic Reference Material is supplied with an isotope amount content of  $^{111}\text{Cd}$  certified as above.

The amount of other cadmium isotopes present are related to the  $^{111}\text{Cd}$  content through the following certified amount ratios:

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| $n(^{106}\text{Cd})/n(^{111}\text{Cd})$ | : < 0.000 05     |
| $n(^{108}\text{Cd})/n(^{111}\text{Cd})$ | : < 0.000 05     |
| $n(^{110}\text{Cd})/n(^{111}\text{Cd})$ | : 0.004 44 (42)  |
| $n(^{112}\text{Cd})/n(^{111}\text{Cd})$ | : 0.021 74 (10)  |
| $n(^{113}\text{Cd})/n(^{111}\text{Cd})$ | : 0.005 818 (56) |
| $n(^{114}\text{Cd})/n(^{111}\text{Cd})$ | : 0.010 875 (88) |
| $n(^{116}\text{Cd})/n(^{111}\text{Cd})$ | : 0.001 629 (44) |

This corresponds to an isotopic composition with the following abundances :

| amount fraction ( $\cdot 100$ )   |              | mass fraction ( $\cdot 100$ )     |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| $n(^{106}\text{Cd})/n(\text{Cd})$ | < 0.005      | $m(^{106}\text{Cd})/m(\text{Cd})$ | < 0.005      |
| $n(^{108}\text{Cd})/n(\text{Cd})$ | < 0.005      | $m(^{108}\text{Cd})/m(\text{Cd})$ | < 0.005      |
| $n(^{110}\text{Cd})/n(\text{Cd})$ | 0.425 (40)   | $m(^{110}\text{Cd})/m(\text{Cd})$ | 0.421 (40)   |
| $n(^{111}\text{Cd})/n(\text{Cd})$ | 95.740 (42)  | $m(^{111}\text{Cd})/m(\text{Cd})$ | 95.682 (42)  |
| $n(^{112}\text{Cd})/n(\text{Cd})$ | 2.080 9 (94) | $m(^{112}\text{Cd})/m(\text{Cd})$ | 2.098 6 (94) |
| $n(^{113}\text{Cd})/n(\text{Cd})$ | 0.557 0 (54) | $m(^{113}\text{Cd})/m(\text{Cd})$ | 0.566 7 (54) |
| $n(^{114}\text{Cd})/n(\text{Cd})$ | 1.041 1 (84) | $m(^{114}\text{Cd})/m(\text{Cd})$ | 1.068 8 (86) |
| $n(^{116}\text{Cd})/n(\text{Cd})$ | 0.156 0 (42) | $m(^{116}\text{Cd})/m(\text{Cd})$ | 0.162 9 (44) |

The molar mass of the cadmium in this sample is  $110.970 87 (80) \text{ g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$

From the certified values, the following amount content and mass fractions are derived:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &10.172 \quad (18) \cdot 10^{-6} \quad \text{mol (Cd)} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \quad (\text{solution}) \\
 &1.080 \quad 1 \quad (20) \cdot 10^{-6} \quad \text{kg } (^{111}\text{Cd}) \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \quad (\text{solution}) \\
 &1.128 \quad 8 \quad (20) \cdot 10^{-6} \quad \text{kg (Cd)} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \quad (\text{solution})
 \end{aligned}$$

## NOTES

- All uncertainties indicated are expanded uncertainties  $U = k \cdot u_c$  where  $u_c$  is the combined standard uncertainty estimated following the ISO/BIPM Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement. They are given in parentheses and include a coverage factor  $k = 2$ . They apply to the last two digits of the value. The values certified are traceable to the SI.
- The Spike Isotopic Reference Material IRMM-622 comes in a flame-sealed glass ampoule containing about 0.04  $\mu\text{mol}$  cadmium in 4 mL of a chemically stable nitric acid solution. The molality is about  $\sim 1 \text{ m HNO}_3$  (i.e.  $\sim 1 \text{ mol HNO}_3$  per kg of solvent); the molarity is about  $\sim 1 \text{M HNO}_3$  (i.e.  $\sim 1 \text{ mol HNO}_3$  per Liter of solution).
- The molar masses, used in the calculations, are<sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}
 ^{106}\text{Cd} &: 105.906 \, 458 \, (12) \quad \text{g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \\
 ^{108}\text{Cd} &: 107.904 \, 183 \, (12) \quad \text{g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \\
 ^{110}\text{Cd} &: 109.903 \, 006 \, (6) \quad \text{g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \\
 ^{111}\text{Cd} &: 110.904 \, 182 \, (6) \quad \text{g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \\
 ^{112}\text{Cd} &: 111.902 \, 757 \, 7 \, (60) \quad \text{g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \\
 ^{113}\text{Cd} &: 112.904 \, 401 \, 4 \, (60) \quad \text{g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \\
 ^{114}\text{Cd} &: 113,903 \, 358 \, 6 \, (60) \quad \text{g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \\
 ^{116}\text{Cd} &: 115.904 \, 756 \, (6) \quad \text{g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$
- The Avogadro constant used in the calculations is  $6.022 \, 136 \, (12) \, 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ .
- Full details of the certification procedure can be found in IRMM internal Report GE/R/SIM/37/1997.
- Using this Spike Isotopic Reference Material, the cadmium content in an unknown sample can be determined by Isotope Dilution, through a measurement of the isotope amount ratio  $R(B) = n(^{112}\text{Cd})/n(^{111}\text{Cd})$  in a blend. It should be computed with the aid of the following equation which enables an easy quantification of the uncertainty sources in the procedure :

<sup>1</sup> G. Audi and A.H. Wapstra, The 1993 atomic mass evaluation , Nucl Phys A565 (1993) 1-65.

$$c(Cd, X) = \frac{R(Y) - R(B)}{R(B) - R(X)} \cdot \frac{\sum R_i(X)}{\sum R_i(Y)} \cdot \frac{m(Y)}{m(X)} \cdot c(Cd, Y)$$

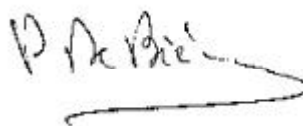
where:

|               |   |   |
|---------------|---|---|
| $R(X)$        | = | amount ratio $n(^{112}\text{Cd})/n(^{111}\text{Cd})$ in the unknown sample material X |
| $R(Y)$        | = | amount ratio $n(^{112}\text{Cd})/n(^{111}\text{Cd})$ in the spike material Y          |
| $\sum R_i(X)$ | = | sum of all amount ratios in the unknown sample material X                             |
| $\sum R_i(Y)$ | = | sum of all amount ratios in the spike material Y                                      |
| $m(X)$        | = | mass of the unknown sample used in the measurement                                    |
| $m(Y)$        | = | mass of the sample of spike solution used in the measurement                          |
| $c(Cd, X)$    | = | amount content of Cd · kg <sup>-1</sup> sample material                               |
| $c(Cd, Y)$    | = | amount content of Cd · kg <sup>-1</sup> spike solution.                               |

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