

Standard Reference Material<sup>®</sup> 1663a  
Sulfur Dioxide in Nitrogen  
(Nominal Amount-of-Substance Fraction 1500  $\mu\text{mol/mol}$ )  
Lot 92-G-XX

## CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

**Purpose:** The certified value delivered by this Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended for the calibration of instruments used for sulfur dioxide determinations and for other applications.

**Description:** This SRM is a primary gas mixture supplied in a DOT 3AL-specification aluminum (6061 alloy) cylinder with a water volume of 6 L. Mixtures are shipped with a nominal pressure exceeding 12.4 MPa (1800 psig), which provides the user with 0.73 m<sup>3</sup> (25.8 ft<sup>3</sup>) of useable mixture. The cylinder is the property of the purchaser and is equipped with a CGA-660 stainless steel valve, which is the recommended outlet for this sulfur dioxide mixture.

**Certified Values:** A NIST certified value is a value for which NIST has the highest confidence in that all known or suspected sources of bias and imprecision have been accounted [1]. This SRM mixture has been certified for sulfur dioxide amount-of-substance fraction (mole fraction, sometimes termed “molar concentration”). This certified value is traceable to the International System of Units (SI) through the gravimetric primary standards and procedures used in the preparation of this mixture. The certified value given below applies to the identified cylinder and NIST sample number.

Sulfur Dioxide Mole Fraction: 1474.4  $\mu\text{mol/mol} \pm 5.3 \mu\text{mol/mol}$ <sup>(a)</sup>

Cylinder Number: CAL017647  
Hydrotest Date: February 2008

NIST Sample Number: 92-G-07  
Blend Date: April 2008

- <sup>(a)</sup> The certified value is expressed as  $x \pm U_{95\%}(x)$ , where  $x$  is the value and  $U_{95\%}(x)$  is the expanded uncertainty of the value. The true value of the analyte lies within the interval  $x \pm U_{95\%}(x)$  with 95 % confidence. For guidance in propagating this uncertainty, see reference 2.

**Period of Validity:** The certified value delivered by **SRM 1663a Lot No. 92-G-XX** has an expiration date of **08 July 2029**. The certified value is nullified if the material is stored or used improperly, damaged, contaminated, or otherwise modified or the internal pressure drops below 0.7 MPa (100 psig).

**Maintenance of Certified Value:** NIST will monitor this SRM to the end of the period of validity. If substantive technical changes occur that affect the certification before the expiration of this certificate, NIST will notify the purchaser. Registration (see attached sheet or register online) will facilitate notification.

**Cylinder and Gas Handling Information:** NIST recommends the use of a high-purity, two-stage pressure regulator with a stainless-steel diaphragm and CGA-660 outlet to safely reduce the pressure and to deliver this mixture to the instrument. The regulator should be purged to prevent accidental contamination of the SRM by repeatedly (minimum three times) opening the valve and pressurizing the regulator, then closing the valve and releasing the pressure safely into a vent line. The certified value for this SRM is no longer valid after the internal pressure drops below 0.7 MPa (100 psig).

**Storage:** This SRM should be stored under normal laboratory conditions within the temperature range of 15 °C to 30 °C.

**Mixture Preparation:** The gas mixtures comprising this SRM lot were prepared in accordance with NIST technical specifications by a commercial specialty gas vendor under contract to NIST. The specifications stipulate that each SRM mixture be identical in sulfur dioxide mole fraction and stable with time.

**Analytical Method:** Analyses of the sulfur dioxide concentration for this lot of cylinders were conducted by comparing each cylinder mixture to a representative cylinder chosen from the lot, the LS, using pulsed fluorescence spectroscopy. Assignment of the sulfur dioxide concentration to the LS was accomplished by comparison to primary gravimetric standards using pulsed fluorescence spectroscopy.

**Homogeneity Analysis:** Each of the sulfur dioxide mixtures that comprise this SRM lot was compared to the LS using pulsed fluorescence spectroscopy. A statistical analysis of the analytical results indicated that sample-to-sample sulfur dioxide concentration differences were not statistically significant. This indicates that, within the precision of the NIST measurements, all of the cylinders comprising this SRM lot have identical sulfur dioxide concentrations. Therefore, one concentration has been assigned to the entire SRM lot.

**CAS Registry Numbers:** This SRM is certified for sulfur dioxide in nitrogen. The relevant CAS Registry numbers for these components are: sulfur dioxide CAS Registry 7446-09-5; nitrogen (balance gas) CAS Registry 7727-37-9.

#### NOTICE TO USERS

NIST strives to maintain the SRM inventory supply, but NIST cannot guarantee the continued or continuous supply of any specific SRM. Accordingly, NIST encourages the use of this SRM as a primary benchmark for the quality and accuracy of the user's in-house reference materials and working standards. As such, the SRM should be used to validate the more routinely used reference materials in a laboratory. Comparisons between the SRM and in-house reference materials or working measurement standards should take place at intervals appropriate to the conservation of the SRM and the stability of relevant in-house materials. For further guidance on how this approach can be implemented, contact NIST by email at [srms@nist.gov](mailto:srms@nist.gov)

#### REFERENCES

- [1] Beauchamp, C.R.; Camara, J.E.; Carney, J.; Choquette, S.J.; Cole, K.D.; DeRose, P.C.; Diewer, D.L.; Epstein, M.S.; Kline, M.C.; Lippa, K.A.; Lucon, E.; Molloy, J.; Nelson, M.A.; Phinney, K.W.; Polakoski, M.; Possolo, A.; Sander, L.C.; Schiel, J.E.; Sharpless, K.E.; Toman, B.; Winchester, M.R.; Windover, D.; *Metrological Tools for the Reference Materials and Reference Instruments of the NIST Material Measurement Laboratory*; NIST Special Publication (NIST SP) 260-136, 2021 edition; U.S. Government Printing Office: Washington, DC (2021); available at <https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/SpecialPublications/NIST.SP.260-136-2021.pdf> (accessed Jan 2022).
- [2] JCGM 100:2008; *Evaluation of Measurement Data — Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement* (GUM 1995 with Minor Corrections); Joint Committee for Guides in Metrology (2008); available at <https://www.bipm.org/en/publications/guides> (accessed Mar 2021); see also Taylor, B.N.; Kuyatt, C.E.; *Guidelines for Evaluating and Expressing the Uncertainty of NIST Measurement Results*; NIST Technical Note 1297; U.S. Government Printing Office: Washington, DC (1994); available at <https://www.nist.gov/pml/nist-technical-note-1297> (accessed Jan 2022).

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