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Standard Specification for Refined Palladium¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers refined palladium as sponge, cast bar, and wrought forms (**Note 1**) in one grade as follows:

1.1.1 *Grade 99.95 (UNS PO3995)*—Palladium having a purity of 99.95 %.

NOTE 1—Other forms of unfabricated palladium of commerce are not to be excluded under this specification.

NOTE 2—For the purposes of determining conformance with this specification, an observed value obtained from analysis shall be rounded to the nearest unit in the last right hand place of figures used in expressing the limiting value, in accordance with the rounding method of Practice E29.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to become familiar with all hazards including those identified in the appropriate Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for this product/material as provided by the manufacturer, to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices, and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

Determine Conformance with Specifications

3. Materials and Manufacture

3.1 The metal may be produced by any refining process that yields a product capable of meeting the chemical requirements of this specification. The purchaser, upon request, shall be informed of the refining process used.

3.2 The surfaces of bars and wrought forms shall exhibit quality generally acceptable to the trade.

4. Chemical Composition

4.1 The refined palladium shall conform to the requirements as to the chemical composition prescribed in Table 1.

5. Sampling

5.1 The value of this material is such that special attention must be paid to sampling procedures. The purchaser and manufacturer shall agree upon the sampling procedures used.

5.2 *Lot Size*—Sampling lots shall consist of the following:

5.2.1 *Sponge*—A single refining lot, and

5.2.2 *Other Forms*—A single melt or primary consolidation.

6. Method of Analysis

6.1 Pending the development of standard ASTM methods of chemical or spectrographic analysis, or both, the methods to be used shall be a matter of agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

7. Rejection and Rehearing

7.1 Material that fails to conform to the requirements of this specification may be rejected. Rejection should be reported to the producer or supplier promptly and in writing. In case of dissatisfaction with the results of the test, the producer or supplier may make claim for rehearing.

7.1.1 If the palladium satisfies the requirements of this specification, it shall not be rejected for defects in the products in which it is used.

7.2 *Investigation of Claims*—In a question of chemical composition, a new sample shall be drawn by representatives of both parties in accordance with Section 5. The properly mixed and quartered sample shall be divided into three parts,