

MB	Clause No./ Subclause No./ Annex	Paragraph/ Figure/ Table/Note	Type of comment	Comment(justification for change) by the MB	Proposed change by the MB	Secretariat observations on each comment submitted
JP	6.1.1	Last paragraph	ed, te	“serious underestimation” in the 1 st sentence and “greatly improves” in the 2 nd sentence are of overstatement.	The words “serious” and “greatly” should be deleted.	
JP	6.1.2	2 nd sentence	ed, te	“--- follow the guidance below” is unclear and meaningless as described in the next comment.	The sentence shall be “If specific calibration is needed, follow the guidance prepared by the manufacturer.”	
JP	6.1.2	3 rd and 4 th sentences (3 rd paragraph)	ed, te	1) “--- procedure described in 7.1.1” does not make sense. The section 7.1.1 is “Periodical test”. 2) It is not appropriate to recommend a specific procedure of calibration, since it is just an example. “--- follow the guidance prepared by the manufacturer” is the most appropriate as described in the proposal column of the former comment.	The 3 rd and 4 th sentences, or whole the paragraph starting from “To prepare calibration ---” should be deleted.	
JP	6.1.2	5 th sentence (4 th paragraph)	ed, te	Confirmation of the calibration quality is a part of the calibration procedures described in the proposal column of the 2 nd comment.	The 5 th sentence (the 4 th paragraph) should be deleted.	
JP	6.1.2	NOTE	te	1) A lot of elements have the potential of spectral overlap interferences. Basically, there are possibilities of interference due to co-existing elements while instrumental functions may also give interferences to the target elements.	Change all the sentences of the NOTE to: X-ray fluorescence spectrometry has a potential of spectral overlap interferences. In order to confirm the performance of the instrument and	

				The description should be more general. 2) Most of handheld and portable XRF instruments have automatic correction software for spectral overlap interferences. Usually, users are not requested to make corrections by themselves. Confirmation with multi-element reference samples is recommended.	interference correction software, it is recommended that the instrument be tested by using multi-element reference samples having elemental compositions similar to those of the actual soils.	
JP	Annex B	1 st sentence	ed	“in September” doesn’t make sense.	Delete “in September.”	
JP	Annex B	4 th sentence	ed	“handheld or portable and transportable” is not an appropriate phrase.	Change the phrase to “handheld, portable and transportable.”	
JP	Annex B	Table B.1 Table B.2	ed	According to the comment at the Seoul Meeting, “Mean” is more appropriate word than “Ave.”	Change “Ave.” to “Mean.”	
JP	Annex B	Table B.1 Table B.2	ed	The columns “N” can cause misunderstanding. Actually, they are not necessary.	Delete the columns “N.”	