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The main difference between an IWTO Test Method and a Draft Test Method is that the latter has not yet demonstrated sufficient reproducibility to meet the technical standards for acceptable inter-laboratory variation. Whilst Draft Test Methods define the standard methodology being developed, they have no official status for commercial usage, unless agreed between the contracting parties.

Draft Test Methods represent the first formal approval stage in the development of IWTO Test Methods. They provide an opportunity for both technical and commercial evaluation of the developing methodology, during its logical progression to full standardisation.

Under normal circumstances, a developing Specification will remain at Draft Test Method status for a minimum of 2 years, to provide a reasonable period for its applications to be examined and its commercial implications to be understood.

In special instances, such as when demonstrable weaknesses have been found, a full Test Method may be downgraded to Draft Test Method status until its weaknesses have been satisfactorily addressed or until it is downgraded further to Working Group Draft.

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