

trace element

Any element having an average concentration of less than about 100 parts per million atoms (ppma) or less than $100 \frac{\mu\text{g}}{\text{g}}$.

Source:

PAC, 1979, 51, 2243 (*General aspects of trace analytical methods - IV. Recommendations for nomenclature, standard procedures and reporting of experimental data for surface analysis techniques*) on page 2246