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dangerous substances - Analysis of inorganic substances in
digests and eluates - Analysis by Inductively Coupled
Plasma - Optical Emission Spectrometry (ICP-OES)**

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d'émission optique (ICP-OES)

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European foreword

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Introduction

Following an extended evaluation of available methods for content and eluate analysis in construction products (CEN/TR 16045 [1]) it was concluded that multi element analysis methods have preference over methods developed for single elements or small groups of elements. This implies that for inorganic substances ICP methods are preferred for the analysis of extracts obtained from digestion or eluates obtained from leaching.

This document has been adopted from the work carried out in the context of CEN/TC 400 (project HORIZONTAL) and is very similar to EN 16170:2016, *Sludge, treated biowaste and soil - Determination of elements using inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES)* [2].

This Technical Specification is part of a modular horizontal approach which was adopted in CEN/TC 351. 'Horizontal' means that the methods can be used for a wide range of materials and products with certain properties. 'Modular' means that a test standard developed in this approach concerns a specific step in assessing a property and not the whole chain of measurement (from sampling to analyses). Beneficial features of this approach are that modules can be replaced by better ones without jeopardizing the standard chain and duplication of work of in different Technical Committees for Products can be avoided as far as possible.

The modules that relate to the standards developed in CEN/TC 351 are specified in CEN/TR 16220:2011, *Construction products: Assessment of release of dangerous substances – Complement to sampling* [3] which distinguishes between the modules. This Technical Specification belongs to the analytical step.

The use of modular horizontal standards implies the drawing of test schemes as well. Before executing a test on a certain construction product to determine certain characteristics it is necessary to draw up a protocol in which the adequate modules are selected and together form the basis for the entire test procedure.

1 Scope

This Technical Specification specifies the method for the determination of major, minor and trace elements in aqua regia and nitric acid digests and in eluates of construction products by Inductively Coupled Plasma – Optical Emission Spectrometry (ICP-OES). It refers to the following 44 elements: Aluminium (Al), antimony (Sb), arsenic (As), barium (Ba), beryllium (Be), bismuth (Bi), boron (B), cadmium (Cd), calcium (Ca), cerium (Ce), chromium (Cr), cobalt (Co), copper (Cu), iron (Fe), lanthanum (La), lead (Pb), lithium (Li), magnesium (Mg), manganese (Mn), mercury (Hg), molybdenum (Mo), neodymium (Nd), nickel (Ni), phosphorus (P), potassium (K), praseodymium (Pr), samarium (Sm), scandium (Sc), selenium (Se), silicon (Si), silver (Ag), sodium (Na), strontium (Sr), sulphur (S), tellurium (Te), thallium (Tl), thorium (Th), tin (Sn), titanium (Ti), tungsten (W), uranium (U), vanadium (V), zinc (Zn), and zirconium (Zr).

For the determination of low levels of As, Se and Sb, hydride generation may be applied. This method is described in Annex D.

NOTE Construction products include e.g. mineral-based products (S); bituminous products (B); metals (M); wood-based products (W); plastics and rubbers (P); sealants and adhesives (A); paints and coatings (C), see also CEN/TR 16045 [1].

The method in this Technical Specification is applicable to construction products and validated for the product types listed in Annex D.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

CEN/TS 16637-2, *Construction products — Assessment of release of dangerous substances — Part 2: Horizontal dynamic surface leaching test*

CEN/TS 16637-3, *Construction products — Assessment of release of dangerous substances — Part 3: Horizontal up-flow percolation test*

EN 17087:—¹, *Construction products: Assessment of release of dangerous substances — Preparation of test portions from the laboratory sample for testing of release and analysis of content*

CEN/TS 17196, *Construction products — Assessment of release of dangerous substances — Digestion by aqua regia for subsequent analysis of the major, minor and trace elements*

EN ISO 3696:1995, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods (ISO 3696:1987)*

EN ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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