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## European foreword

This document (EN 17201:2023) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 351 “Construction products: Assessment of release of dangerous substances”, the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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- the addition of performance data and data from intercomparison validation;
- alignment of terms and definitions within the working groups of CEN/TC 351, i.e. through the revised version of EN 16687.

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## Introduction

This document deals with the determination of the content of inorganic substances in construction products.

Following an extended evaluation of available methods for content analysis in construction products (CEN/TR 16045) it was concluded that eluate analysis methods are very similar to analytical methods used to determine content after digestion of a solid matrix.

This document has a similar structure as EN 17195.

This document 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. Similar standards have been developed for content determination in different types of matrices, see Annex A (informative).

The modules that relate to the standards developed in CEN/TC 351 are specified in CEN/TR 16220, which distinguishes between the modules. This document 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 document specifies analytical methods for the determination of major, minor and trace elements in *aqua regia* digests of construction products. It refers to the following 67 elements:

Aluminium (Al), antimony (Sb), arsenic (As), barium (Ba), beryllium (Be), bismuth (Bi), boron (B), cadmium (Cd), calcium (Ca), cerium (Ce), caesium (Cs), chromium (Cr), cobalt (Co), copper (Cu), dysprosium (Dy), erbium (Er), europium (Eu), gadolinium (Gd), gallium (Ga), germanium (Ge), gold (Au), hafnium (Hf), holmium (Ho), indium (In), iridium (Ir), iron (Fe), lanthanum (La), lead (Pb), lithium (Li), lutetium (Lu), magnesium (Mg), manganese (Mn), mercury (Hg), molybdenum (Mo), neodymium (Nd), nickel (Ni), palladium (Pd), phosphorus (P), platinum (Pt), potassium (K), praseodymium (Pr), rubidium (Rb), rhenium (Re), rhodium (Rh), ruthenium (Ru), samarium (Sm), scandium (Sc), selenium (Se), silicon (Si), silver (Ag), sodium (Na), strontium (Sr), sulphur (S), tellurium (Te), terbium (Tb), thallium (Tl), thorium (Th), thulium (Tm), tin (Sn), titanium (Ti), tungsten (W), uranium (U), vanadium (V), ytterbium (Yb), yttrium (Y), zinc (Zn), and zirconium (Zr).

The methods in this document are applicable to construction products.

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.

The selection of analytical methods to be applied is based on the required sensitivity of the method, which is provided for all combinations of substance and analytical procedure.

## 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.

EN 16687:2023, *Construction products: Assessment of release of dangerous substances — Terminology*

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

EN 17196, *Construction products: Assessment of release of dangerous substances — Digestion by aqua regia for subsequent analysis of inorganic substances*

EN 17197, *Construction products: Assessment of release of dangerous substances — Analysis of inorganic substances in eluates and digests — Analysis by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES)*

EN 17200, *Construction products: Assessment of release of dangerous substances — Analysis of inorganic substances in eluates and digests— Analysis by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS)*

EN ISO 5667-3, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 3: Preservation and handling of water samples (ISO 5667-3:2018)*

EN ISO 12846:2012, *Water quality — Determination of mercury — Method using atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS) with and without enrichment (ISO 12846:2012)*

EN ISO 15586:2003, *Water quality — Determination of trace elements using atomic absorption spectrometry with graphite furnace (ISO 15586:2003)*

EN ISO 17852:2008, *Water quality — Determination of mercury — Method using atomic fluorescence spectrometry (ISO 17852:2006)*

ISO 17378-1:2014, *Water quality — Determination of arsenic and antimony — Part 1: Method using hydride generation atomic fluorescence spectrometry (HG-AFS)*

ISO 17378-2:2014, *Water quality — Determination of arsenic and antimony — Part 2: Method using hydride generation atomic absorption spectrometry (HG-AAS)*

ISO/TS 17379-1:2013, *Water quality — Determination of selenium — Part 1: Method using hydride generation atomic fluorescence spectrometry (HG-AFS)*

ISO/TS 17379-2:2013, *Water quality — Determination of selenium — Part 2: Method using hydride generation atomic absorption spectrometry (HG-AAS)*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 16687:2023 and the following apply.

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

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### **aqua regia**

solution obtained by mixing one volume of nitric acid and three volumes of hydrochloric acid

[SOURCE: EN 16687:2023, 3.2.2.10]

#### 3.2

##### **digest**

solution resulting from acid digestion of a sample

[SOURCE: EN 16687:2023, 3.2.2.8]

#### 3.3

##### **digestion**

mineralization of the organic matter of a sample and dissolution of its mineral part (as completely as possible) when reacted with a reagent mixture

[SOURCE: EN 16687:2023, 3.2.2.9 – modified, Note 1 to entry removed]

#### 3.4

##### **laboratory sample**

sample or sub-sample(s) sent to or received by the laboratory

[SOURCE: EN 16687:2023, 3.2.2.1 – modified, Notes to entry removed]