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European foreword

This document (EN 16964:2018) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 260 “Fertilizers and liming materials”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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Introduction

The preparation of this document was based on a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association (Mandate M/335) concerning the modernization of methods of analysis of fertilizers in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 [1].

Aqua regia is applied for determination of many elements in different matrices. A horizontal standard for aqua regia extraction of soils, sludges and biowaste was prepared by CEN/TC 400. Similar procedure was applied for determination of the aqua regia extractable content of arsenic, mercury, cadmium, chromium, nickel and lead in fertilizers and liming materials (European Standard prepared by CEN/TC 260). Wide use of the aqua regia extraction and possibility to prepare a suitable horizontal standard was the main reason to develop the given extraction procedure.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for the total extraction of boron, cobalt, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum and zinc with aqua regia from mineral fertilizers containing one or more micro-nutrients.

The extracts can be analysed according to EN 16963, EN 16965, prEN 17041, prEN 17042 and prEN 17043.

This method is also suitable for the extraction of cadmium, chromium, nickel and lead to be determined according to EN 16319; the extraction of mercury to be determined according to EN 16320 and the extraction of arsenic to be determined according to EN 16317.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 12944-1, *Fertilizers and liming materials and soil improvers — Vocabulary — Part 1: General terms*

EN 12944-2, *Fertilizers and liming materials and soil improvers — Vocabulary — Part 2: Terms relating to fertilizers*

EN 16963, *Fertilizers — Determination of boron, cobalt, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum and zinc using ICP-AES*

EN 16965, *Fertilizers — Determination of cobalt, copper, iron, manganese and zinc using flame atomic absorption spectrometry (FAAS)*

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 12944-1 and EN 12944-2 apply.

4 Principle

The micro-nutrients are extracted from the sample with boiling aqua regia.

5 Sampling and sample preparation

Sampling and sample preparation are not part of this European Standard. A recommended sampling method is given in EN 1482-1 [2] and a recommended sample preparation method in EN 1482-2 [3].

6 Reagents

All reagents shall be of recognized analytical grade and they shall have negligible concentration of the element to be determined if compared to the lowest concentration of that element in the sample solution.

6.1 Water for extraction, grade 2 according to EN ISO 3696, free from micro-nutrients.

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