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1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements for biodegradable films, manufactured from thermoplastic materials, to be used for mulch applications in agriculture and horticulture.

This document is applicable to films intended to biodegrade in soil without creating any adverse impact on the environment.

It also specifies the test methods to assess these requirements as well as requirements for the packaging, identification and marking of films.

For information, it defines a classification of biodegradable mulch films according to their service life on soil and gives a good practice guide for the use of the films.

NOTE Films intended to be removed after use and not incorporated in the soil are not in the scope of this standard. They are in the scope of EN 13655 [1].

2 Normative references

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EN ISO 472, *Plastics - Vocabulary (ISO 472)*

EN ISO 527-1, *Plastics - Determination of tensile properties - Part 1: General principles (ISO 527-1)*

EN ISO 527-3, *Plastics - Determination of tensile properties - Part 3: Test conditions for films and sheets (ISO 527-3)*

EN ISO 7765-1:2004, *Plastics film and sheeting - Determination of impact resistance by the free-falling dart method - Part 1: Staircase methods (ISO 7765-1:1988)*

EN ISO 11268-1, *Soil quality - Effects of pollutants on earthworms - Part 1: Determination of acute toxicity to Eisenia fetida/Eisenia andrei (ISO 11268-1)*

EN ISO 11268-2, *Soil quality - Effects of pollutants on earthworms - Part 2: Determination of effects on reproduction of Eisenia fetida/Eisenia andrei (ISO 11268-2)*

EN ISO 11274, *Soil quality - Determination of the water-retention characteristic - Laboratory methods (ISO 11274)*

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

EN ISO 17294-2, *Water quality - Application of inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) - Part 2: Determination of selected elements including uranium isotopes (ISO 17294-2)*

EN ISO 17556:2012, *Plastics - Determination of the ultimate aerobic biodegradability of plastic materials in soil by measuring the oxygen demand in a respirometer or the amount of carbon dioxide evolved (ISO 17556:2012)*

ISO 4591, *Plastics — Film and sheeting — Determination of average thickness of a sample, and average thickness and yield of a roll, by gravimetric techniques (gravimetric thickness)*

ISO 4592, *Plastics — Film and sheeting — Determination of length and width*