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### Foreword

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## **Introduction**

Turbidity in waters is caused by the presence of undissolved and/or colloidal matter and small organisms (for example bacteria, phyto- and zooplankton) present in the water. Turbidity changes the lighting conditions in surface waters by absorption and scattering of the light and thus influences the trophic status of these waters. For the indicative assessment of the lighting conditions of waters or the transparency of the water, semi-quantitative methods can be used (Reference [2]).

Measurements of transparency can be affected by the presence of dissolved light-absorbing substances (substances imparting colour) as well as by particles (such as sediments).

In semi-quantitative methods such as the determination of transparency depth by Secchi disc, reflections on the water surface can cause interferences. These are often dependent on the light and wind conditions.

NOTE Results of a field study for the validation of this document is given in [Annex B](#).



# Water quality — Determination of turbidity —

## Part 2:

# Semi-quantitative methods for the assessment of transparency of waters

**WARNING** — Working in or around water is inherently dangerous. Persons using this document should be familiar with normal laboratory practice. This document does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate safety and health practices.

**IMPORTANT** — It is absolutely essential that tests conducted in accordance with this document be carried out by suitably qualified and trained staff.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the following semi-quantitative methods for the assessment of transparency of waters:

- a) measurement of visual range using the transparency testing tube (applicable to transparent and slightly cloudy water), see [Clause 4](#);
- b) measurement of visual range in the upper water layers using the transparency testing disc (especially applicable to surface, bathing water, waste water and often used in marine monitoring), see [5.1](#);
- c) measurement of visibility by divers in a destined depth, see [5.2](#).

**NOTE** The quantitative methods using optical turbidimeters or nephelometers are described in ISO 7027-1.

## 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 amendments) applies.

CIE S 017/E, *ILV:International Lighting Vocabulary*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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### 3.1

#### **transparency**

permeability with respect to electromagnetic waves, here especially of light

Note 1 to entry: In this document, transparency is used in terms of visibility in waters.

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