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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 14239:1997), which has been technically revised. The main changes are the inclusion of two additional incubation systems.

Introduction

This document describes incubation systems for determining the mineralization of organic compounds in soil under aerobic conditions.

Mineralization is only one of the parameters which can be used to assess the biodegradation of organic compounds in soil. If mineralization is not extensive, this does not necessarily mean that the test material is not biodegradable. Material balance studies to assess the production of metabolites, in addition to mineralization studies, provide a comprehensive assessment of biodegradation.

It is essential that this document be used in conjunction with ISO 11266, which gives general guidance on the information needed to assess the potential of an organic compound to be degraded in soil.

Depending on the aim of the study, it is feasible to use a range of incubation conditions, described below, and different methods of analysis.

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WARNING — The methods in this document use several materials of a hazardous nature. Due care is necessary in their handling and disposal. In particular, all pertinent national regulations should be complied with.

1 Scope

This document specifies six suitable incubation systems for measuring the rates and extent of mineralization of organic compounds in soil by measurement of carbon dioxide (CO₂) evolution. All incubation systems are applicable to soluble or insoluble compounds but choice of system depends on the overall purposes of the study.

This document does not apply to the use of such systems for material balance studies, which are often test-substance specific.

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.

ISO 11266, *Soil quality — Guidance on laboratory testing for biodegradation of organic chemicals in soil under aerobic conditions*

ISO 11269-2:2012, *Soil quality — Determination of the effects of pollutants on soil flora — Part 2: Effects of contaminated soil on the emergence and early growth of higher plants*

ISO 11274, *Soil quality — Determination of the water-retention characteristic — Laboratory methods*

ISO 18400-206,¹⁾ *Soil quality — Sampling — Part 206: Guidance on the collection, handling and storage of soil for the assessment of biological functional and structural endpoints in the laboratory*

3 Terms and definitions

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4 Methods

4.1 General requirements

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