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Foreword

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Introduction

Organic chemicals can be introduced into the soil both intentionally and accidentally, after which they can degrade as a result of biological action. For chemicals which do degrade, the rate of degradation can vary considerably, depending not only on the molecular structure of the chemical, but also on soil conditions such as temperature, water and oxygen availability which influence microbial activity. The activity of microorganisms often plays a major role in degradative processes.

ISO 11266 [3] gives general guidelines for the selection and method of tests to determine the biodegradation of organic chemicals in soils under aerobic conditions.

It is necessary to have laboratory tests available to estimate the rate and extent of biodegradation under anaerobic conditions, and to assess the capability of soil to degrade organic chemicals under these conditions.

This International Standard gives guidance for the method of tests to determine the biodegradation of organic chemicals in soils under anaerobic conditions.

Soil quality — Guidance on laboratory testing for biodegradation of organic chemicals in soil under anaerobic conditions

1 Scope

This International Standard gives guidance on the selection and method of appropriate tests for the determination of biodegradation of organic chemicals in soil samples under anaerobic conditions.

NOTE If the method is intended for tests in the framework of the registration of chemicals, an OECD Guideline on soil degradation [20] gives useful guidance on additional test requirements.

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ISO 10381-6:1993, *Soil quality — Sampling — Part 6: Guidance on the collection, handling and storage of soil for the assessment of aerobic microbial processes in the laboratory*

ISO 10390:1994, *Soil quality — Determination of pH*

ISO 10694:1995, *Soil quality — Determination of organic and total carbon after dry combustion (elementary analysis)*

ISO 11260:1994, *Soil quality — Determination of effective cation exchange capacity and base saturation level using barium chloride solution*

ISO 11261:1995, *Soil quality — Determination of total nitrogen — Modified Kjeldahl method*

ISO 11271, *Soil quality — Determination of redox potential — Field method*

ISO 11274:1998, *Soil quality — Determination of the water retention characteristic — Laboratory methods*

ISO 11277:1998, *Soil quality — Determination of particle size distribution in mineral soil material — Method by sieving and sedimentation*

ISO 14239:1997, *Soil quality — Laboratory incubation systems for measuring the mineralization of organic chemicals in soil under aerobic conditions*

3 Terms and definitions

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