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- Détermination de: N ammoniacal, AOX, conductivité, Hg,  
"indice phénol", COT, CN<sup>-</sup> aisement libérables, F<sup>-</sup>

Charakterisierung von Abfällen - Analyse von Eluaten -  
Bestimmung von Ammonium-N, AOX, Leitfähigkeit, Hg,  
Phenolindex, TOC, CN<sup>-</sup> leicht freisetzbar, F<sup>-</sup>

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## **Foreword**

This European Prestandard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 292 "Characterization of waste", the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

According to the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, the national standards organizations of the following countries are bound to announce this European Prestandard: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

## **Introduction**

This European Prestandard is intended to be used for the characterization of waste as defined in the Council Directive 75/442/EEC on waste, as amended by Council Directive 91/156/EEC of 18th March 1991. Characterization of waste is especially needed for the Hazardous Waste Directive (91/689/EEC) and the Landfill Directive (99/31/EC) and national regulations on waste management.

It deals with the determination of conductivity and the chemical determination of compounds which have been extracted by leaching of waste samples such as prEN 12457:1999 „Characterization of waste - Leaching - Compliance test for leaching of granular waste materials and sludges - Determination of the leaching of constituents from granular waste materials and sludges“.

This European Prestandard is intended to define analytical methods for eluates. A large number of compounds may interfere with the determination of the parameters concerned. These potential interferences are listed in the individual standards in question.

## **1 Scope**

This European Prestandard specifies methods for the determination of parameters in aqueous eluates for the characterization of waste.

## **2 Normative references**

This European Prestandard incorporates by dated or undated references, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Prestandard only when incorporated in it by amendment or

revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 1483:1997	Water quality - Determination of mercury
EN 1484:1997	Water analysis - Guidelines for the determination of total organic carbon (TOC) and dissolved organic carbon (DOC)
EN 1485:1996	Water quality - Determination of adsorbable organically bound halogens (AOX)
EN 27888:1993	Water quality - Determination of electrical conductivity (ISO 7888:1985)
EN 45001	General criteria for the operation of testing laboratories
EN ISO 10304-1:1995	Water quality - Determination of dissolved fluoride, chloride, nitrite, orthophosphate, bromide, nitrate and sulfate ions, using liquid chromatography of ions - Part 1: Method for water with low contamination (ISO 10304-1:1992)
EN ISO 11732:1997	Water quality - Determination of ammonium nitrogen by flow analysis (CFA and FIA) and spectrometric detection (ISO 11732:1997)
ENV ISO 13530	Water quality - Guide to analytical quality control for water analysis (ISO/TR 13530:1997)
prEN 12457-1:1999	Characterisation of waste - Leaching - Compliance test for leaching of granular waste materials and sludges - Part 1: One stage batch test at a liquid to solid ratio of 2 l/kg with particle size below 4mm (without or with size reduction)
prEN 12457-2:1999	Characterisation of waste - Leaching - Compliance test for leaching of granular waste materials and sludges - Part 2: One stage batch test at a liquid to solid ratio of 10 l/kg with particle size below 4mm (without or with size reduction)
prEN 12457-3:1999	Characterisation of waste - Leaching - Compliance test for leaching of granular waste materials and sludges - Part 3: Two stage batch test at a liquid to solid ratio of 2 and 8 l/kg with particle size below 4 mm (without or with size reduction)
prEN 12457-4:1999	Characterisation of waste - Leaching - Compliance test for leaching of granular waste materials and sludges - Part 4: One stage batch test at a liquid to solid ratio of 10 l/kg with particle size below 10 mm (without or with size reduction)
EN ISO 5667-3:1995	Water quality - Sampling - Part 3: Guidance on the preservation and handling of samples (ISO 5667-3:1994)
ENV 12506:2000	Characterization of waste - Analysis of eluates - Determination of pH, As, Cd, Cr VI, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn, Cl <sup>-</sup> , NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> , SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>
ISO 6439:1990	Water quality - Determination of phenol index - 4-Aminoantipyrine spectrometric methods after distillation
ISO 6703-2:1984	Water quality - Determination of cyanide - Part 2: Determination of easily liberatable cyanide
ISO 7150-1:1984	Water quality - Determination of ammonium - Part 1: Manual spectrometric method
ISO 10359-1:1992	Water quality - Determination of fluoride - Part 1: Electrochemical probe method for potable and lightly polluted water
EN ISO 14402:1999	Water quality - Determination of phenol index by flow analysis (FIA and CFA) (ISO 14402:1999)
prEN ISO 14403:1998	Water quality - Determination of total cyanide and free cyanide by continuous flow analysis (ISO/DIS 14403:1998).

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Prestandard, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 3.1

##### leaching test

laboratory test for the determination of the release of matter from a waste into water or an aqueous solution [ENV 12506:2000]

### 3.2

#### **leachant**

aqueous solution used in a leaching test [ENV 12506:2000]

### 3.3

#### **eluate**

solution obtained by a leaching test [ENV 12506:2000]

### 3.4

#### **sample**

portion of material selected from a larger quantity of material [ENV 12506:2000]

### 3.5

#### **laboratory sample**

sample or subsample(s) sent to or received by the laboratory [ENV 12506:2000]

### 3.6

#### **test sample; analytical sample**

sample, prepared from the laboratory sample, from which test portions are removed for testing or analysis [ENV 12506:2000]

### 3.7

#### **test portion; analytical portion**

quantity of material of proper size for measurement of the concentration or other properties of interest, removed from the test sample [ENV 12506:2000]

NOTE 1 The test portion may be taken from the laboratory sample directly if no preparation of sample is required (e. g. with liquids), but usually it is taken from the prepared test sample.

NOTE 2 A unit or increment of proper homogeneity, size and fineness, needing no further preparation, may be a test portion.

## 4 Sample pre-treatment

The eluate shall be analysed for its total content. If precipitation occurs between the preparation of the eluate and the analysis it is necessary to ensure by appropriate methods (e.g. redissolution, separate analysis of solution and precipitate) that the total content of the parameters of interest is determined. No filtration or any kind of separation technique of the eluate is allowed. If the eluate comes from a procedure including 0,45 µm membrane filtration analytical results refer to the content dissolved by the leaching process.

Eluates are susceptible to being changed to differing extents as a result of physical, chemical or biological reactions which may take place between the time of leaching and the analysis. It is therefore essential to take the necessary precautions to minimize these reactions and in the case of many parameters to analyse the eluate sample with a minimum of delay. The maximum delay are given in EN ISO 5667-3:1995. Conductivity shall be determined immediately after preparation of the eluates and prior to sample pre-treatment.

Precautions should be taken before and during transport as well as during the time in which the samples are preserved in the laboratory before being analysed, to avoid alteration of the test portion.

Split the eluate in an adequate number of test portions for different chemical analysis and preserve them according to the requirements in EN ISO 5667-3:1995. The following shall be noted:

- In cases where high contents of soluble solids are leached, acidification of the eluates may lead

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