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## **Foreword**

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ISO 27108 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 147, *Water quality*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Physical, chemical and biochemical methods*.

## **Introduction**

In recent years, ground water contamination as well as surface water contamination by pesticides has become a matter of public concern. Identification and quantification of pesticides at trace level concentrations often require both high sensitive chromatographic equipment and effective enrichment steps. In the analysis of aqueous samples, sample preparation techniques including solid-phase extraction (SPE) are frequently the most time-consuming steps and in many cases can be effectively replaced by solid-phase microextraction (SPME).

When using this International Standard, it may be necessary in some cases to determine whether and to what extent particular problems could require the specification of additional marginal conditions.

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**WARNING** — Persons using this International Standard should be familiar with normal laboratory practice. This International Standard 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 and to ensure compliance with any national regulatory conditions.

**IMPORTANT** — It is absolutely essential that tests conducted according to this International Standard be carried out by suitably trained staff.

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the dissolved amount of selected plant treatment agents and biocide products in drinking water, ground water and surface water by solid-phase microextraction (SPME) followed by gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS). The limit of determination depends on the matrix, on the specific compound to be analysed and on the sensitivity of the mass spectrometer. For most plant treatment agents and biocides to which this International Standard applies, it is at least 0,05 µg/l. Validation data related to a concentration range between 0,05 µg/l and 0,3 µg/l have been demonstrated in an interlaboratory trial.

This method may be applicable to other compounds not explicitly covered by this International Standard or to other types of water. However, it is necessary to verify the applicability of this method for these special cases.

**NOTE** Determinations by this International Standard are performed on small sample amounts (e.g. sample volumes between 8 ml and 16 ml).

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 5667-1, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 1: Guidance on the design of sampling programmes and sampling techniques*

ISO 5667-3, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 3: Guidance on the preservation and handling of water samples*

## 3 Principle

Substances under investigation are extracted from the water sample by solid-phase microextraction (SPME) according to their equilibrium of distribution. The extraction is performed by a chemically modified fused-silica

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