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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 16457:2014) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 292 “Characterization of waste”, the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by September 2014 and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 2014.

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This document has been prepared by the ad hoc group “Testing programme” of CEN/TC 292. It has been decided by CEN/TC 292 to prepare the present document and to consider separately other issues supporting this document. This would finally result in a set of four documents on waste testing as listed in the Introduction.

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## EN 16457:2014 (E)

## Introduction

This European Standard was elaborated as a help for those who have to organize and apply a waste testing programme. Often several parameters need to be determined in a waste sample and for each parameter different testing steps of a different nature need to be coordinated and performed. This is done in accordance with dedicated standards developed by CEN/TC 292 (e.g. standards for the steps of sampling, extraction, leaching and analysis of eluates or extracts). In order to cope with these different parameters to be tested and with these different testing steps of different nature, the testing of a waste generally refers to different standards which should be used (and elaborated) in a coherent and coordinated way in a testing programme. This European Standard is designed for specifying such overall testing programmes.

This European Standard may be used by different interested parties in waste testing: plant operators, testing institutes, accreditation bodies, etc. as well as by industries to address the waste testing part of their contracts and by regulators to address the waste testing part of their regulations.

This European Standard can be used to:

- produce a standardized testing programme for use in regular or routine circumstances (elaboration of daughter/derived standards dedicated to well defined testing scenarios);
- incorporate the specific testing requirements of European and national legislation;
- design and develop a waste testing programme for use on a case by case basis.

This European Standard provides requirements on the programme, objective, plan and report for the execution of a waste testing programme. This is done with the intent to ensure reliable and comparable results when using the reference methods that have been developed by CEN/TC 292 in accordance with the principles specified in this standard and in the supporting documents (listed below).

As shown in Figures 2 and 3, for waste testing, the tests to be performed consist (see also the supporting documents listed below) of two main works: the sampling in the field and the analysis-quantification in the laboratory. The needed coordination and interface is the responsibility of the programme manager (see 4.4). It is also the responsibility of the programme manager to design the testing programme, to authorize the testing report and to submit it to the customer.

This European Standard includes one normative annex and one informative annex which are part of this standard. This European Standard is intended to become a part of a set of documents consisting of the present document:

- EN 16457, *Characterization of waste – Framework for the preparation and application of a testing programme – Objective, planning and report*

and of three supporting documents providing important information:

- CEN/TS (WI 00292082), *Characterization of waste – Framework for the preparation and application of a testing programme – Application of EN ISO/IEC 17025 (in preparation)*
- CEN/TS (WI 00292085), *Characterization of waste – Framework for the preparation and application of a testing programme – Guidelines for the elaboration of standardised testing methods (in preparation)*
- CEN/TR (WI 00292084), *Characterization of waste – Framework for the preparation and application of a testing programme – General information on content tests and leaching tests (in preparation)*

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements for a waste testing programme regarding mainly objectives, planning and report with the intent to ensure reliable and comparable results when using the reference methods that have been developed and/or adopted by CEN/TC 292.

The planning and report aspects of this European Standard are applicable to any waste testing programme dedicated to the determination of one or several parameters. They are also applicable to all testing steps for each parameter from sampling up to reporting whether these steps are taking place in the field (e.g. sampling) or in the laboratory (e.g. analysis-quantification).

This European Standard does not address aspects of safety for activities in the field and inside laboratory.

**NOTE** The term planning a testing programme is used here with the general meaning of organizing a testing programme and being in accordance with the terms testing plan, sampling plan, laboratory plan used in the present European Standard.

## 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.<sup>1)</sup>

EN 12457-1, *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 for materials with high solid content and with particle size below 4 mm (without or with size reduction)*

EN 12457-2, *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 for materials with particle size below 4 mm (without or with size reduction)*

EN 12457-3, *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 l/kg and 8 l/kg for materials with high solid content and with particle size below 4 mm (without or with size reduction)*

EN 12457-4, *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 for materials with particle size below 10 mm (without or with size reduction)*

EN 13137, *Characterization of waste - Determination of total organic carbon (TOC) in waste, sludges and sediments*

EN 13656, *Characterization of waste - Microwave assisted digestion with hydrofluoric (HF), nitric (HNO<sub>3</sub>) and hydrochloric (HCl) acid mixture for subsequent determination of elements*

EN 13657, *Characterization of waste - Digestion for subsequent determination of aqua regia soluble portion of elements*

EN 14039, *Characterization of waste - Determination of hydrocarbon content in the range of C<sub>10</sub> to C<sub>40</sub> by gas chromatography*

EN 14345, *Characterization of waste - Determination of hydrocarbon content by gravimetry*

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<sup>1)</sup> Useful information may be found in several CEN/TRs as mentioned in Annex A. The use of CEN/TRs is not mandatory and other sources of information may be used provided that the requirements of the basic EN or CEN/TS are fulfilled. The list of such CEN/TR is given in the Bibliography, references [5] to [15].

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