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du manganèse, du molybdène et du zinc par ICP-AES

Düngemittel - Bestimmung von Bor, Cobalt, Kupfer,
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European foreword

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Introduction

The preparation of this document is based on a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association (Mandate M/335) concerning the modernization of methods of analysis of fertilizers in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 [1].

This document is part of a modular approach and concerns the analytical measurement step. “Modular” means that a test standard concerns a specific step in assessing a property and not the whole chain of measurements. Inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES) is nowadays widely used and well established in many laboratories. The European Standard can be used for determination of boron, cobalt, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum and zinc in all extracts prepared according to EN 16962 and EN 16964. The method can be applied to mineral fertilizers with micro-nutrient contents of $\leq 10\%$ as well as contents of $> 10\%$.

The inter-laboratory study reflects the final properties of the method for determination of individual micro-nutrients in water and aqua regia extracts including extraction steps.

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

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for the determination of boron, cobalt, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum and zinc in fertilizer extracts using inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES).

This method is applicable to water and aqua regia fertilizer extracts prepared according to EN 16962 and/or EN 16964.

NOTE In most cases, the presence of small quantities of organic matter will not affect determinations by ICP-AES and it is not necessary to apply organic matter removal.

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.

EN 12944-1, *Fertilizers and liming materials and soil improvers — Vocabulary — Part 1: General terms*

EN 12944-2, *Fertilizers and liming materials and soil improvers — Vocabulary — Part 2: Terms relating to fertilizers*

EN 16962, *Fertilizers — Extraction of water soluble micro-nutrients in fertilizers and removal of organic compounds from fertilizer extracts*

EN 16964, *Fertilizers — Extraction of total micro-nutrients in fertilizers using aqua regia*

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 12944-1 and EN 12944-2 apply.

4 Principle

The method is based on the ICP-AES measurement of the concentration of boron, cobalt, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum and zinc in fertilizer extracts prepared according to EN 16962 or EN 16964. The elements are determined after appropriate dilution of the extract. The solution is dispersed by a nebulizer of the ICP-AES instrument and the resulting aerosol is transported into the plasma. Element specific emission spectra are produced by a radio-frequency inductively coupled argon plasma where atoms or ions are excited at high temperature. The emission spectra are dispersed by a spectrometer, and the intensities of the emission lines are monitored by photosensitive devices. Multi-element determinations using sequential or simultaneous optical systems and axial or radial viewing of the plasma may be used.