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Part 2: Sample preparation**

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European foreword

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- *Part 2: Sample preparation.*

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Introduction

This document was prepared by the experts of CEN/TC 455 “Plant Biostimulants”. The European Committee for Standardization (CEN) was requested by the European Commission (EC) to draft European standards or European standardization deliverables to support the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 of 5 June 2019 laying down rules on the making available on the market of EU fertilizing products (“FPR” or “Fertilising Products Regulation”).

This standardization request, presented as M/564, also contributes to the Communication on “Innovating for Sustainable Growth: A Bio economy for Europe”. The Working Group 1 “Sampling”, was created to develop a work program as part of this request. The technical committee CEN/TC 455 “Plant Biostimulants” was established to carry out the work program that will prepare a series of standards. The interest in biostimulants has increased significantly in Europe as a valuable tool to use in agriculture. Standardization was identified as having an important role in order to promote the use of biostimulants. The work of CEN/TC 455 seeks to improve the reliability of the supply chain, thereby improving the confidence of farmers, industry, and consumers in biostimulants, and will promote and support commercialisation of the European biostimulant industry.

This document covers the following aspects of sample preparation, derived from EN 1482-2:2007, *Fertilizers and liming materials — Sampling and sample preparation — Part 2: Sample preparation*. This document is presented in a form adapted to the specificity of plant biostimulants. The title of the standard is given in the Bibliography.

This document is addressed mainly to official laboratories which intend to perform analysis for quality and safety control of non-microbial plant biostimulants. The laboratories will have a reference document on how to properly prepare sample for analysis.

Figure 1 gives a schematic diagram of the sampling and sample preparation process.

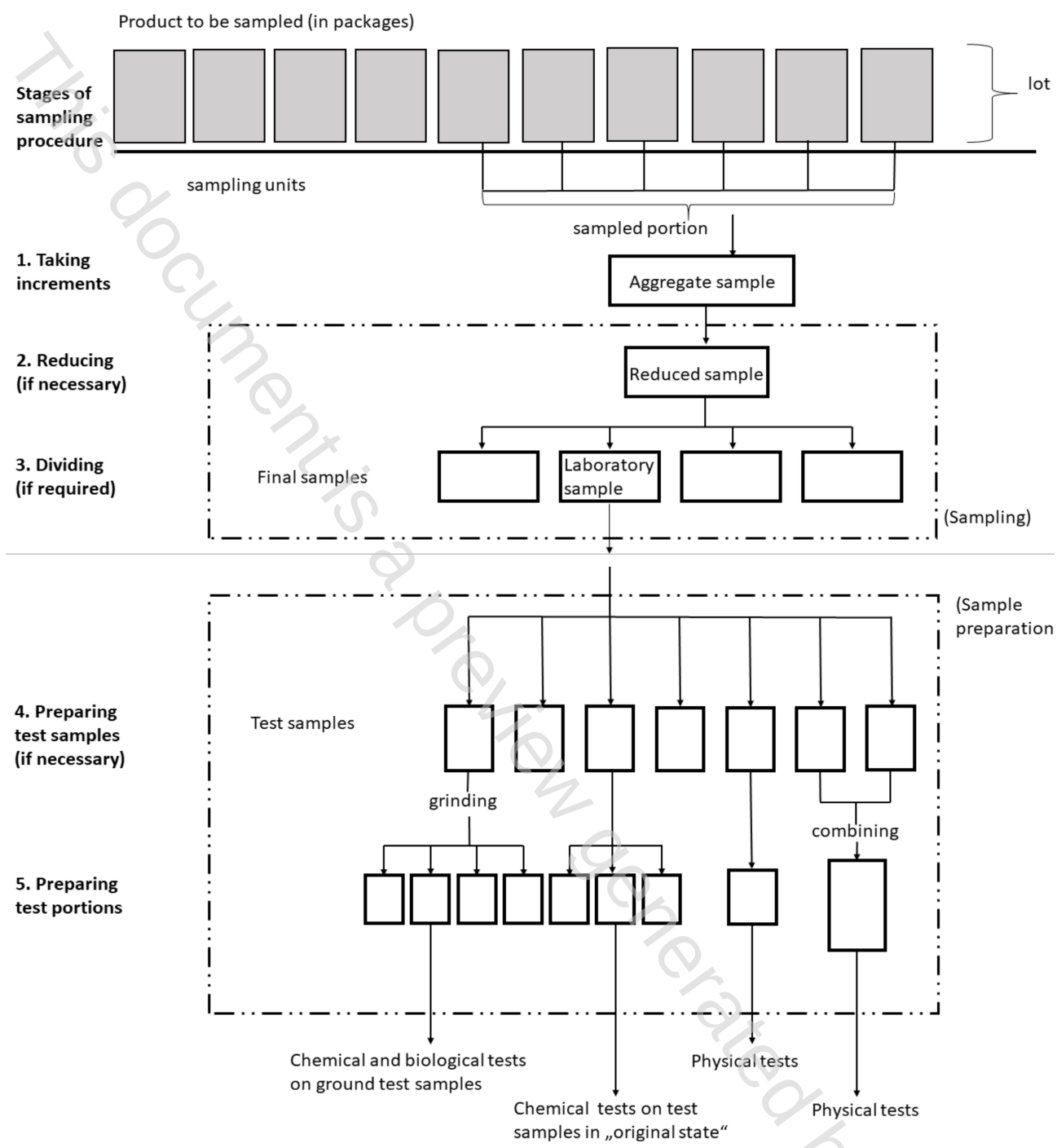


Figure 1 — Schematic diagram of sampling and sample preparation process for solid plant biostimulants

1 Scope

This document specifies methods for the reduction and preparation of samples of non-microbial plant biostimulants including those intended for determination of microbial pathogens and sets out the requirements for sample preparation reports. It specifies methods for the preparation of test samples and test portions from laboratory samples of plant biostimulants for subsequent chemical, biological or physical analysis.

It is also applicable to the sample preparation of blends of fertilizing products where plant biostimulants are main part of the blend. Otherwise, deliverables of sample preparation relevant for the main part of the blend apply.

This document does not include methods for the reduction and preparation of samples of microbial plant biostimulants, which will be covered by a different Technical Specification.

NOTE This document is applicable to the category of EU fertilizing product (plant biostimulants) in the meaning of the Regulation (EU) 2019/1009.

2 Normative references

The following document is referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

CEN/TS 17702-1:2022, *Plant biostimulants — Sampling and sample preparation — Part 1: Sampling*

ISO 3310-1, *Test sieves — Technical requirements and testing — Part 1: Test sieves of metal wire cloth*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

division

process of producing a number of representative smaller portions, approximately equal in mass to each other, from a larger mass

3.2

final sample

representative part of the reduced sample or, where no intermediate reduction is required, of the aggregate sample

Note 1 to entry: Often, more than one sample is prepared, at the same time, from the reduced sample (or from the aggregate sample). One or more of these final samples will be used as a laboratory sample or as laboratory samples, while others may be stored for reference purposes.

3.3

laboratory sample

final sample intended for laboratory inspection or testing

3.4

reduction

process of producing a representative smaller mass of product from a larger mass, with the remainder being discarded