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European foreword

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Introduction

Micronutrients are considered to be, in plant nutrition, a number of elements known to be needed in small amounts for proper plant growth and development. The most common micronutrient metals are Iron (Fe), Manganese (Mn), Cobalt (Co), Copper (Cu) and Zinc (Zn).

An EU fertilizing product shall consist solely of component materials complying with the requirements for one or more of the component material categories (CMCs). CMC 1 corresponds with the virgin material substances and mixtures.

If a micronutrient fertilizing product contains a substance, or one of the substances in the mixture, which is intended to enhance the long-term availability to plants of micronutrients in the EU fertilizing product, that substance is either a chelating agent or a complexing agent. According to Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 [2], EU fertilizing products containing complexed micronutrients shall remain stable in water solution at pH 6 and pH 7 for at least one day.

This document defines a test method to check the micronutrient complex stability in solution at pH 6 and pH 7.

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the soluble metal that remains in solution after the application of a solution of the fertilizer substance containing micronutrient complexes in water and adjusting the pH to 6 and pH 7 for at least one day.

The method applies to fertilizing products containing micronutrient complexes.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred 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.

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

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

EN 15962, *Fertilizers — Determination of the complexed micro-nutrient content and of the complexed fraction of micro-nutrients*

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

EN 16963, *Fertilizers — Determination of boron, cobalt, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum and zinc using ICP-AES*

EN 16965, *Fertilizers — Determination of cobalt, copper, iron, manganese and zinc using flame atomic absorption spectrometry (FAAS)*

CEN/TS 17786-1, *Inorganic micronutrient fertilizers — Determination of the chelated micronutrient content and the chelated fraction of micronutrients — Part 1: Treatment with a cation exchange resin*

CEN/TS 17786-2, *Inorganic micronutrient fertilizers — Determination of the chelated micronutrient content and the chelated fraction of micronutrients — Part 2: Determination of EDTA, DTPA, HEEDTA, IDHA or EDDS*

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 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/