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et de la somme des deux par analyse en flux (CFA et FIA) et détection
spectrométrique*



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Foreword

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Introduction

Methods using flow analysis enable wet chemistry procedures to be automatized and are particularly suitable for the processing of many analytes in water in large series of samples at a high analysis frequency (up to 100 samples per hour).

A differentiation is made between flow injection analysis (FIA) [1][2] and continuous flow analysis (CFA) [3]. Both methods share the feature of an automatic dosage of the sample into a flow system (manifold) where the analytes in the sample will react with the reagent solutions on their way through the manifold. The sample preparation may be integrated in the manifold. The reaction product is measured in a flow detector (e.g. flow photometer).

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of nitrite(N) (see note 2), nitrate(N) or the sum of both [nitrite/nitrate(N)], in various types of waters (such as ground, drinking, surface, and waste waters) in mass concentrations ranging from 0,01 mg/l to 1 mg/l for nitrite(N) and from 0,2 mg/l to 20 mg/l for nitrite/nitrate(N), both in the undiluted sample. The range of application can be changed by varying the operating conditions.

NOTES

1 Seawater may be analysed with changes in respect to sensitivity and adaptation of the carrier solution and calibration solutions to the salinity of the samples.

2 The following concise terms are used in the text of this International Standard:

nitrite(N):	(mass concentration of) nitrite, expressed as nitrogen
nitrate(N):	(mass concentration of) nitrate, expressed as nitrogen
nitrite/nitrate(N):	(mass concentration of) the sum of nitrite(N) and nitrate(N)

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 3696:1987, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*.

ISO 5667-1:1980, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 1: Guidance on the design of sampling programmes*.

ISO 5667-2:1991, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 2: Guidance on sampling techniques*.

ISO 5667-3:1994, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 3: Guidance on the preservation and handling of samples*.

ISO 6777:1984, *Water quality — Determination of nitrite — Molecular absorption spectrometric method*.

3 Principle

3.1 Sum of nitrite(N) and nitrate(N), nitrite/nitrate(N)

With flow injection analysis (FIA), the sample is fed into a continuously flowing buffer solution (carrier stream) by means of an injection valve, or, with continuous flow analysis (CFA) being applied, it is continuously mixed with this buffer solution. Nitrate in the sample is reduced with metallic cadmium to nitrite[4]. Then, a phosphoric acid reagent solution that is also flowing continuously is admixed. Nitrite that is initially present and nitrite resulting from the reduction of nitrate will diazotize sulfanilamide in acid solution to the diazonium salt which is then coupled with *N*-(1-naphthyl)ethylenediamine to form a red dye [5] [6][7].

Waste containing cadmium in liquid or solid form shall be removed appropriately.