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determination of selected elements in water
- Part 2: Nitric acid digestion**

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<p>Käsitlusala: This standard specifies a method for extracting trace elements from a water sample using nitric acid as a digestion agent.</p>	<p>Scope: This standard specifies a method for extracting trace elements from a water sample using nitric acid as a digestion agent.</p>
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l'acide nitrique (ISO 15587-2 : 2002)

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Foreword

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Nitric acid digestion,

which was prepared by ISO/TC 147 'Water quality' of the International Organization for Standardization, has been adopted by Technical Committee CEN/TC 230 'Water analysis', the Secretariat of which is held by DIN, as a European Standard.

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NOTE: Normative references to international publications are listed in Annex ZA (normative).

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WARNING — Persons using this part of ISO 15587 should be familiar with normal laboratory practice. This part of ISO 15587 does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to ensure compliance with any national regulatory conditions.

1 Scope

This part of ISO 15587 specifies a method for extracting trace elements from a water sample using nitric acid as a digestion agent. The method is applicable to all types of waters with a suspended solids concentration of less than 20 g/l and a total organic carbon (TOC) concentration expressed as carbon of less than 5 g/l.

The nitric acid digestion method is empirical and it might not necessarily release elements completely. However, for most environmental applications the result is fit for purpose.

Nitric acid digestion is suitable for the release of: Al*, As, B, Ba*, Be*, Ca, Cd, Co, Cr*, Cu, Fe*, Hg, K, Mg*, Mn, Mo, Na, Ni, P, Pb, Se, Sr, Ti, V*, Zn (asterisk indicates a possible lower recovery compared to *aqua regia* digestion method specified in ISO 15587-1, see reference [1]). It is suitable for the release of Ag only if the sample is stabilized immediately after digestion. Nitric acid digestion is not suitable for Sb, Sn and for the digestion of refractory compounds such as SiO₂, TiO₂ and Al₂O₃.

The method is generic and may be implemented using a wide variety of equipment provided

- the digestion composition is unchanged,
- the digestion temperature is known, and
- the digestion duration is in accordance with this temperature.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 15587. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 15587 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

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

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