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## Introduction

**WARNING** — Working in or around water is inherently dangerous, Persons using this European standard should be familiar with usual field and laboratory practice. This standard 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 health and safety practices and to ensure compliance with any national regulatory guidelines.

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

Series of phytoplankton samples provide information on the taxonomic composition as well as the spatial occurrence of the individual taxa and their relative abundances. They allow the calculation of the biomass of the individual taxa as well as for the phytoplankton assemblage as a whole.

For the purpose of limnological investigations like monitoring and status assessment of surface waters representative phytoplankton samples are necessary. Therefore suitable sampling methods and monitoring strategies are needed depending on the objectives of the investigation and the given natural conditions.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies procedures for phytoplankton sampling in inland waters and describes methods of sampling techniques for phytoplankton in inland waters (e.g. rivers and channels, or lakes, ponds, reservoirs and other artificial water bodies, respectively).

This European Standard gives guidance for sampling of phytoplankton for qualitative and quantitative limnological investigations and monitoring of water quality, e.g. ecological status.

## 2 Normative references

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EN 15204, *Water quality — Guidance standard on the enumeration of phytoplankton using inverted microscopy (Utermöhl technique)*

EN ISO 5814, *Water quality — Determination of dissolved oxygen — Electrochemical probe method (ISO 5814)*

EN ISO 7027, *Water quality — Determination of turbidity (ISO 7027)*

EN ISO 10523, *Water quality — Determination of pH (ISO 10523)*

ISO 17289, *Water quality — Determination of dissolved oxygen — Optical sensor method*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

**3.1**  
**deep chlorophyll maximum**  
**DCM**  
local chlorophyll maximum below the epilimnion where the maximum chlorophyll concentration is at least 1,5 times higher than the average chlorophyll concentration measured in the epilimnion

**3.2**  
**depth gradient**  
parameter to distinguish between polymictic and di- or monomictic lakes as a measure for the mixing intensity of a water body calculated as the quotient of maximum depth and theoretical epilimnion depth

Note 1 to entry: See Annex C.

Note 2 to entry: Values > 1,5 indicate a thermally stable stratified lake. For further details see Annex C and [18].

**3.3**  
**dimictic lake**  
lake with uniform water temperature and holomictic conditions twice a year: during autumn (before ice cover) and during spring (after ice cover)

**3.4**  
**epilimnion**  
zone of the water body between surface and thermocline in which the water temperature and density is approximately uniform, showing a temperature gradient of < 1 °C/m