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## Introduction

When applying this part of ISO 17294, it is necessary in each case, depending on the range to be tested, to determine if and to what extent additional conditions should be established.

**WARNING** — Persons using this part of ISO 17294 should be familiar with normal laboratory practice. This part of ISO 17294 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.

**IMPORTANT** — It is absolutely essential that tests, conducted in accordance with this part of ISO 17294, be carried out by suitably qualified staff.

## 1 Scope

This part of ISO 17294 specifies a method for the determination of the elements aluminium, antimony, arsenic, barium, beryllium, bismuth, boron, cadmium, caesium, calcium, cerium, chromium, cobalt, copper, dysprosium, erbium, europium, gadolinium, gallium, germanium, gold, hafnium, holmium, indium, iridium, lanthanum, lead, lithium, lutetium, magnesium, manganese, molybdenum, neodymium, nickel, palladium, phosphorus, platinum, potassium, praseodymium, rubidium, rhenium, rhodium, ruthenium, samarium, scandium, selenium, silver, sodium, strontium, terbium, tellurium, thorium, thallium, thulium, tin, tungsten, uranium, vanadium, yttrium, ytterbium, zinc, and zirconium in water [for example drinking water, surface water, groundwater, wastewater and eluates (9.2)].

Taking into account the specific and additionally occurring interferences, these elements can also be determined in digests of water, sludges and sediments (for example digests of water as specified in ISO 15587-1 or ISO 15587-2).

The working range depends on the matrix and the interferences encountered. In drinking water and relatively unpolluted waters, the limit of application is between 0,1 µg/l and 1,0 µg/l for most elements (see Table 1).

The detection limits of most elements are affected by blank contamination and depend predominantly on the laboratory air-handling facilities available.

The lower limit of application is higher in cases where the determination is likely to suffer from interferences (see Clause 5) or in case of memory effects (see 8.2 of ISO 17294-1).

**Table 1 — Limits of application for unpolluted water**

Element	Isotope often used	Limit of application <sup>a</sup> µg/l	Element	Isotope often used	Limit of application <sup>a</sup> µg/l	Element	Isotope often used	Limit of application <sup>a</sup> µg/l
Ag	<sup>107</sup> Ag	1	Ho	<sup>165</sup> Ho	0,1	Se	<sup>77</sup> Se	10
	<sup>109</sup> Ag	1	In	<sup>115</sup> In	0,1		<sup>78</sup> Se	10
Al	<sup>27</sup> Al	5	Ir	<sup>193</sup> Ir	0,1		<sup>82</sup> Se	10
As	<sup>75</sup> As	1	K	<sup>39</sup> K	50	Sm	<sup>147</sup> Sm	0,1
Au	<sup>197</sup> Au	0,5	La	<sup>139</sup> La	0,1	Sn	<sup>118</sup> Sn	1
B	<sup>10</sup> B	10	Li	<sup>6</sup> Li	10		<sup>120</sup> Sn	1
	<sup>11</sup> B	10		<sup>7</sup> Li	1	Sr	<sup>86</sup> Sr	0,5
Ba	<sup>137</sup> Ba	3	Lu	<sup>175</sup> Lu	0,1		<sup>88</sup> Sr	0,3
	<sup>138</sup> Ba	0,5	Mg	<sup>24</sup> Mg	1	Tb	<sup>159</sup> Tb	0,1
Be	<sup>9</sup> Be	0,5		<sup>25</sup> Mg	10	Te	<sup>126</sup> Te	2
Bi	<sup>209</sup> Bi	0,5	Mn	<sup>55</sup> Mn	3	Th	<sup>232</sup> Th	0,1
Ca	<sup>43</sup> Ca	100	Mo	<sup>95</sup> Mo	0,5	Tl	<sup>203</sup> Tl	0,2
	<sup>44</sup> Ca	50		<sup>98</sup> Mo	0,3		<sup>205</sup> Tl	0,1
	<sup>40</sup> Ca	10	Na	<sup>23</sup> Na	10	Tm	<sup>169</sup> Tm	0,1
Cd	<sup>111</sup> Cd	0,1	Nd	<sup>146</sup> Nd	0,1	U	<sup>238</sup> U	0,1
	<sup>114</sup> Cd	0,5	Ni	<sup>58</sup> Ni	1	V	<sup>51</sup> V	1
Ce	<sup>140</sup> Ce	0,1		<sup>60</sup> Ni	3	W	<sup>182</sup> W	0,3
Co	<sup>59</sup> Co	0,2	P	<sup>60</sup> P	5,0		<sup>184</sup> W	0,3
Cr	<sup>52</sup> Cr	1	Pb	<sup>206</sup> Pb <sup>b</sup>	0,2	Y	<sup>89</sup> Y	0,1
	<sup>53</sup> Cr	5		<sup>207</sup> Pb <sup>b</sup>	0,2	Yb	<sup>172</sup> Yb	0,2
Cs	<sup>133</sup> Cs	0,1		<sup>208</sup> Pb <sup>b</sup>	0,1		<sup>174</sup> Yb	0,2
Cu	<sup>63</sup> Cu	1	Pd	<sup>108</sup> Pd	0,5	Zn	<sup>64</sup> Zn	1
	<sup>65</sup> Cu	2	Pr	<sup>141</sup> Pr	0,1		<sup>66</sup> Zn	2
Dy	<sup>163</sup> Dy	0,1	Pt	<sup>195</sup> Pt	0,5		<sup>68</sup> Zn	3
Er	<sup>166</sup> Er	0,1	Rb	<sup>85</sup> Rb	0,1	Zr	<sup>90</sup> Zr	0,2
Eu	<sup>151</sup> Eu	0,1	Re	<sup>185</sup> Re	0,1	<sup>a</sup> Depending on the instrumentation significantly lower limits can be achieved. <sup>b</sup> In order to avoid mistakes due to the different isotope ratios in the environment, the signal intensities of <sup>206</sup> Pb, <sup>207</sup> Pb and <sup>208</sup> Pb shall be added.		
	<sup>153</sup> Eu	0,1		<sup>187</sup> Re	0,1			
Ga	<sup>69</sup> Ga	0,3	Rh	<sup>103</sup> Rh	0,1			
	<sup>71</sup> Ga	0,3	Ru	<sup>101</sup> Ru	0,2			
Gd	<sup>157</sup> Gd	0,1		<sup>102</sup> Ru	0,1			
	<sup>158</sup> Gd	0,1	Sb	<sup>121</sup> Sb	0,2			
Ge	<sup>74</sup> Ge	0,3		<sup>123</sup> Sb	0,2			
Hf	<sup>178</sup> Hf	0,1	Sc	<sup>45</sup> Sc	5			

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

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

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

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

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

ISO 8466-1, *Water quality — Calibration and evaluation of analytical methods and estimation of performance characteristics — Part 1: Statistical evaluation of the linear calibration function*

ISO 15587-1, *Water quality — Digestion for the determination of selected elements in water — Part 1: Aqua regia digestion*

ISO 15587-2, *Water quality — Digestion for the determination of selected elements in water — Part 2: Nitric acid digestion*

ISO 17294-1:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Water quality — Application of inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) for the determination of elements — Part 1: General guidelines and basic principles*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 17294-1 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **limit of application**

lowest concentration of an analyte that can be determined with a defined level of accuracy and precision

## 4 Principle

Multi-element determination of 62 elements by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) consists of the following steps:

- introduction of a measuring solution into a radiofrequency plasma (for example by pneumatic nebulization) where energy transfer processes from the plasma cause dissolution, atomization and ionization of elements;
- extraction of the ions from plasma through a differentially pumped vacuum interface with integrated ion optics and separation on the basis of their mass-to-charge ratio by a mass spectrometer (for instance a quadrupole MS);

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