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Determination of metals using microwave digestion

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## Textiles - Determination of metal content - Part 1: Determination of metals using microwave digestion

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Partie 1: Dosage des métaux par minéralisation par  
micro-ondes

Textilien - Bestimmung von Metallen - Teil 1:  
Bestimmung von Metallen mittels  
Mikrowellenaufschluss

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## European foreword

This document (EN 16711-1:2015) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 248 "Textiles and textile products", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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- *Part 1: Determination of metals using microwave digestion;*
- *Part 2: Determination of metals extracted by acidic artificial perspiration solution.*

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a procedure for determination of metals, in particular antimony (Sb), arsenic (As), cadmium (Cd), chromium (Cr), cobalt (Co), copper (Cu), lead (Pb), mercury (Hg), nickel (Ni) in natural and man-made textiles, including coated fabrics and garment components (e.g. buttons, zips, etc.) after microwave digestion.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 1233, *Water quality — Determination of chromium — Atomic absorption spectrometric methods*

EN ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods (ISO 3696)*

EN ISO 11885, *Water quality — Determination of selected elements by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES) (ISO 11885)*

EN ISO 12846, *Water quality — Determination of mercury — Method using atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS) with and without enrichment (ISO 12846)*

EN ISO 15586, *Water quality — Determination of trace elements using atomic absorption spectrometry with graphite furnace (ISO 15586)*

EN ISO 17294-2, *Water quality — Application of inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) — Part 2: Determination of 62 elements (ISO 17294-2)*

EN ISO 17852, *Water quality — Determination of mercury — Method using atomic fluorescence spectrometry (ISO 17852)*

ISO 8288, *Water quality — Determination of cobalt, nickel, copper, zinc, cadmium and lead — Flame atomic absorption spectrometric methods*

## 3 Principle

The total metal content is determined after microwave digestion.

Analysis is performed with appropriate analytical techniques of atomic absorption, inductively coupled plasma and mass spectrometry (e.g. ICP-MS, ICP-OES, AAS, cold vapor atomic absorption spectrometry, etc.).

## 4 Apparatus

General laboratory equipment for analytical chemistry. In addition, the following is required:

- 4.1 **Analytical balance**, readability 0,000 1 g.
- 4.2 **Microwave digestion system** with appropriate high pressure vessels.
- 4.3 **Appropriate digestion vessels**, e.g. of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE).