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### **NATIONAL FOREWORD**

Käesolev Eesti standard EVS-EN 12177:2000 sisaldab Euroopa standardi EN 12177:1998 + AC:2000 ingliskeelset teksti.

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The standard is available from Estonian standardisation organisation.

### Käsitlusala:

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### Scope:

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### **English version**

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Produits pétroliers liquides – Essence sans plomb – Détermination de la teneur en benzène par chromatographie en phase gazeuse Flüssige Mineralölerzeugnisse – Unverbleite Ottokraftstoffe – Bestimmung des Benzolgehaltes mittels Gaschromatographie

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#### Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 19 "Petroleum products, lubricants and related products", the secretariat of which is held by NNI.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by October 1998, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by October 1998.

According to the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, the national standards organizations of the following countries are bound to implement this European Standard: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

ve. In this standard annex A is informative.

### 1 Scope

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NOTE: For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms "% (V/V)" and "% (m/m)" are used to represent respectively the volume fraction and the mass fraction.

**WARNING**: The use of this standard may involve hazardous materials, operations and equipment. This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

### 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

| EN ISO 3675  | Crude petroleum and liquid petroleum products - Laboratory determination of density or relative density - Hydrometer method (ISO 3675:1993)   |
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| EN ISO 3838  | Crude petroleum and liquid or solid petroleum products - Determination of density or relative density - Capillary-stoppered pyknometer and graduated bicapillary pyknometer methods (ISO 3838:1983) |
| EN ISO 12185 | Crude petroleum and petroleum products - Determination of density - Oscillating U-tube method (ISO 12185:1996)  |
| ISO 3170     | Petroleum liquids - Manual sampling   |
| ISO 3171     | Petroleum liquids - Automatic pipeline sampling   |

### 3 Principle

The benzene-containing fraction is isolated from the sample using a capillary column and, in a second capillary column, the benzene is separated and detected using a flame ionization detector.

<sup>1)</sup> EC Directive 85/210/EEC, Council Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the lead content of petrol. EC Directive 85/536/EEC, Council Directive on crude-oil savings through the use of substitute fuel components in petrol.