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## Foreword

This document (EN 12457-1:2002) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN /TC 292, "Characterisation of waste", the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by June 2003, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by June 2003.

This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive(s).

For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

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, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

This document has been developed primarily to support the requirements for compliance testing within the EU and EFTA countries.

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No existing European Standard is superseded by the publication of this European Standard.

Annexes A, B, C, D, E and ZA are informative.

This document includes a Bibliography.

## Introduction

In the different European countries, tests have been developed to characterise and assess the constituents which can be leached from waste materials. The release of soluble constituents upon contact with water is regarded as a main mechanism of release which results in a potential risk to the environment during the reuse or disposal of waste materials. The intent of these tests is to identify the leaching properties of waste materials. The complexity of the leaching process makes simplifications necessary.

Not all of the relevant aspects of leaching behaviour can be addressed in one standard. Tests to characterise waste materials and their behaviour can generally be divided into three categories :

- (1) "Basic Characterisation" tests are used to obtain information on the short and long term leaching behaviour and characteristics properties of waste materials. Liquid/solid (L/S) ratios, leachant composition, factors controlling leachability such as pH, redox potential, complexing capacity and physical parameters are addressed in these tests ;
- (2) "Compliance" tests are used to determine whether the waste complies with specific reference values. The tests focus on key variables and leaching behaviour identified by basic characterisation tests ;
- (3) "On-site verification" tests are used as a rapid check to confirm that the waste is the same as that which has been subjected to the compliance test(s).

The procedures described in this European Standard fall in category 2 : compliance tests.

The four procedures described in the four following European Standards are based on different liquid to solid (L/S) ratios and different particle sizes because these parameters, among others, play an important role in the leaching process:

EN 12457-1, *One stage batch test at a liquid to solid ratio of 2 l/kg for materials with high solid content and with particle size below 4 mm (without or with size reduction).*

EN 12457-2, *One stage batch test at a liquid to solid ratio of 10 l/kg for materials with particle size below 4 mm (without or with size reduction).*

EN 12457-3, *Two stage batch test at a liquid to solid ratio of 2 l/kg and 8 l/kg for materials with high solid content and with particle size below 4 mm (without or with size reduction).*

EN 12457-4, *One stage batch test at a liquid to solid ratio of 10 l/kg for materials with particle size below 10 mm (without or with size reduction).*

Each part specifies a distinct procedure. The specific features of each part are described in the scope and principle of each part. For given wastes the results can be different for the different procedures. There are six annexes to this European Standard giving useful information on the selection of the appropriate procedure, reference documents and guidance on the limitations of these procedures.

The choice of the procedure depends on the degree and type of information required for compliance testing. This choice has to be made by the organisation establishing the compliance requirements.

This European Standard specifies a compliance test. For basic characterisation, a methodology for the determination of the leaching behaviour of waste has been developed within TC 292 and formulated in ENV 12920.

## 1 Scope

This part of four European Standards specifies a compliance test providing information on leaching of granular wastes and sludges under the experimental conditions specified hereafter, and particularly a liquid to solid ratio of 2 l/kg dry matter. It applies to waste which has a particle size below 4 mm without or with size reduction (as specified in 4.3.2)

This European Standard has been developed to investigate mainly inorganic constituents from wastes. It does not take into account the particular characteristics of non-polar organic constituents nor the consequences of microbiological processes in organic degradable wastes.

The test procedure specified in this European Standard produces an eluate which shall subsequently be characterised physically and chemically according to appropriate standard methods.

This procedure is only applicable to waste material and sludges having a high solid content : the dry matter content ratio shall be at least higher than 33%. In addition, the necessary quantity of eluate shall be obtained to perform the physical and chemical characterisation of the eluate. Furthermore, the minimum dry matter content ratio shall be high enough to allow a sufficient mixing of the leachant and the test portion.

NOTE 1 This procedure cannot be applicable to materials with a water content or such a water affinity that a good mixing of the solid with the predetermined quantity of liquid is not achievable.

NOTE 2 This procedure cannot be applicable to materials reacting with the leachant, leading, for example, to excessive gas emission, a solidifying effect or an excessive heat release.

NOTE 3 By crushing the material, new surfaces are exposed which may lead to a change in leaching properties.

NOTE 4 In relation with the minimum dry matter content ratio required for obtaining enough eluate, the test portion specified in this European Standard of 175 gram dry matter results in a maximum volume of eluate of 175 ml if its dry matter content ratio is 50 %.

When this part 1 is not applicable, the leaching test at L/S = 10 specified in part 2 can be performed.

This test cannot be used alone to determine the leaching behaviour of a waste, as specified in ENV 12920.

This European Standard does not address issues related to health and safety.

## 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 European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

ENV 12506, *Characterization of waste - Analysis of eluates - Determination of pH, As, Cd, Cl<sup>-</sup>, Co, Cr(VI), Cu, Mo, Ni, NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, Pb, total S, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, V and Zn*

ENV 13370, *Characterization of waste – Analysis of eluates – Determination of Ammonium–N, AOX, conductivity, Hg, phenol index, TOC, CN easily liberatable, F*

EN 12880, *Characterisation of sludges – Determination of dry residue and water content.*

EN ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use – Specification and test methods (ISO 3696:1987).*

EN ISO 5667-3, *Water Quality - Sampling - Part 3 : Guidance on the preservation and handling of samples (ISO 5667-3:1994).*

ISO 5725-5:1998, *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results – Part 5: Alternative methods for the determination of the precision of a standard measurement method.*

ISO 11465, *Soil Quality - Determination of dry matter and water content on a mass basis - Gravimetric method.*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1 leaching test

test during which a material is put into contact with a leachant and some constituents of the material are extracted

#### 3.2 leachant

liquid used in a leaching test

NOTE For the purpose of this European Standard the leachant is water as specified in 4.2.15

#### 3.3 eluate

solution recovered from a leaching test

#### 3.4 single batch leaching test

leaching test in which a fixed amount of material is leached in one step with a fixed amount of leachant

#### 3.5 serial batch leaching test

leaching test for two or more subsequent extractions of the same portion of material with a fresh amount of leachant

#### 3.6 liquid to solid ratio L/S (abbreviation : L/S)

ratio between the total amount of liquid (L in litre), which in a leaching test is in contact with the waste, and the dry mass of the sample (S in kg of dry matter) abbreviated L/S and expressed in l/kg

#### 3.7 liquid waste

waste that completely flows out of a calibrated opening, down to the upper level of the opening within a limited period of time less than 8 h (annex B informative)

#### 3.8 sludge

mixture of liquid and solids separated from various types of liquids as a result of natural or artificial processes

NOTE In the field of water treatment, the prevailing standards (EN 1085 and EN 12880) use the word water instead of the word liquid.

#### 3.9 monolithic waste

material which has certain minimum dimensions and physical and mechanical properties that ensure its integrity over a certain period of time

#### 3.10 granular waste

waste that is neither monolithic, liquid, gas nor sludge