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#### **Foreword**

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The annexes A to D are informative.

#### Introduction

Elements extractable in aqua regia cannot be described as "total"; conversely they cannot be regarded as the "bioavailable" fraction, as the extraction procedure is too vigorous to represent all biological processes.

One extraction method is proposed, using aqua regia. Four heating processes are described, they use the same reagents therefore the same principle of chemical reaction.

Method A is a vigorous digestion procedure allowing larger test portions.

Method B is a fast procedure carried out in a single vessel, smaller test portions are used.

Method C and D are microwave heating procedures using closed and open systems respectively.

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NOTE 1 With high solute concentrations in extract solutions, spectral interferences and background enhancement should be expected.

NOTE 2 This method can be used for other elements except that portion of the elements bonded to silica.

#### 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.

EN 1233, Water quality - Determination of chromium - Atomic absorption spectrometric methods.

EN 1483, Water quality - Determination of mercury.

EN 12880, Characterization 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 5961, Water quality - Determination of cadmium by atomic absorption spectrometry (ISO 5961:1994).

EN ISO 11885, Water quality - Determination of 33 elements by inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectroscopy (ISO 11885:1996).

EN ISO 11969, Water quality - Determination of arsenic - Atomic absorption spectrometric method (hydride technique) (ISO 11969:1996).

ISO 5725-2, Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results - Part 2: Basic method for the determination of repeatability and reproducibility of a standard measurement method.

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

#### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

#### aqua regia

digestion solution obtained by mixing one volume of nitric acid and three volumes of hydrochloric acid

#### 3.2

#### dry mass (dry matter)

the mass of solids obtained after the specified drying process. It is expressed as grams or kilograms [EN 12880]