
**Water quality — Marine algal growth
inhibition test with *Skeletonema
costatum* and *Phaeodactylum
tricornutum***

*Qualité de l'eau — Essai d'inhibition de la croissance des algues
marines avec *Skeletonema costatum* et *Phaeodactylum tricornutum**



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Foreword

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the inhibition of growth of the unicellular marine algae *Skeletonema costatum* and *Phaeodactylum tricornutum* by substances and mixtures contained in sea water.

The method can be used for testing substances that are readily soluble in water and are not significantly degraded or eliminated in any other way from the test medium.

NOTE With modifications, as described in ISO 14442 and ISO 5667-16, the inhibitory effects of poorly soluble organic and inorganic materials, volatile compounds, metal compounds, effluents, marine water samples and elutriates of sediments can be tested.

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 5667-16, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 16: Guidance on biotesting of samples*

ISO 14442, *Water quality — Guidelines for algal growth inhibition tests with poorly soluble materials, volatile compounds, metals and waste water*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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cell density

number of cells per unit volume of medium (x cells/ml)