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Lebensmittel - Bestimmung von Elementspuren -Bestimmung von Gesamtarsen mit Atomabsorptionsspektrometrie-Hydridtechnik (HGAAS) nach Trockenveraschung

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#### **Foreword**

This document (EN 14546:2005) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 275 "Food analysis - Horizontal methods", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by October 2005, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by October 2005.

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#### 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for the determination of total arsenic in foodstuffs by hydride generation atomic absorption spectrometry (HGAAS) after dry ashing.

Specific foodstuffs for which European Standards exist are excluded from the scope of this horizontal European Standard. It is the task of the analyst to review if vertical standards exist.

#### 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.

EN 13804, Foodstuffs – Determination of trace elements – Performance criteria, general considerations and sample preparation.

#### 3 Principle

The samples treated with nitric acid and ashing aid are evaporated to dryness and then mineralized at 425 °C with a gradual increase in temperature. The ash is dissolved in hydrochloric acid and arsenic is quantified by HGAAS-procedure at the arsenic line at 193,7 nm [1].

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

#### 4 Reagents

#### 4.1 General

The concentration of arsenic in the reagents and water used shall be low enough not to affect results of the determination.

#### 4.2 Hydrochloric acid

**4.2.1** Hydrochloric acid, not less than 30 % of approximately  $\rho$  (HCI) = 1,15 g/ml.

#### 4.2.2 Diluted hydrochloric acid, c (≈ 6 mol/l).

Dilute 500 ml hydrochloric acid (4.2.1) with water in a proportion of 1+1 parts by volume.