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1 Scope

This European Standard describes a method for the routine determination of the effect of soil improvers and growing media or constituents thereof on the germination and early root development of cress.

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 13037, *Soil improvers and growing media – Determination of pH*

EN 13038, *Soil improvers and growing media – Determination of electrical conductivity*

EN 13040, *Soil improvers and growing media – Sample preparation for chemical and physical tests, determination of dry matter content, moisture content and laboratory compacted bulk density*

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

3 Terms and definitions

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

**3.1
plant response**
variation in cress seed germination and/or growth when sown and grown in a growing medium, soil improver or constituent thereof

NOTE Factors causing negative plant growth cannot be identified nor sufficiently quantified by applying this method.

**3.2
germination**
for this method, the seed is said to have germinated as soon as the radicle has emerged from the seed

**3.3
root length index**
percentage difference of the root length of germinated cress seeds on the material under investigation compared to the root length of the control

**3.4
Munoo-Liisa Vitality index**
index calculated from the germination rate and the root length