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Foreword

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1 Scope

This Technical Specification specifies a method for the determination of the ammoniacal nitrogen content in fertilizers. The method is applicable to all nitrogenous fertilizers including compound fertilizers, in which nitrogen is found exclusively either in the form of ammonium salts or ammonium salts together with nitrates.

The document is not applicable to fertilizers containing urea, cyanamide or other organic nitrogenous compounds.

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.

prEN 1482-2, *Fertilizers and liming materials — Sampling and sample preparation — Part 2: Sample preparation*

EN 12944-1:1999, *Fertilizers and liming materials and soil improvers — Vocabulary — Part 1: General terms*

EN 12944-2:1999, *Fertilizers and liming materials and soil improvers — Vocabulary — Part 2: Terms relating to fertilizers*

EN ISO 3696:1995, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods (ISO 3696:1987)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 12944-1:1999 and EN 12944-2:1999 apply.

4 Principle

Displacement of ammonia by means of an excess of sodium hydroxide, distillation and determining the yield of ammonia in a given volume of a standard sulfuric acid and titration of the excess acid by means of a standard solution of sodium or potassium hydroxide.

5 Reagents

5.1 General

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and distilled or demineralized water, free from carbon dioxide and all nitrogenous compounds (grade 3 according to EN ISO 3696:1995).

5.2 Diluted hydrochloric acid

Mix one volume of $\rho(\text{HCl}) = 1,18 \text{ g/ml}$ with one volume of water.

5.3 Sulfuric acid (for variant a)

$c = 0,05 \text{ mol/l}$