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**Pulp, paper and board — Determination  
of pentachlorophenol in an aqueous  
extract**

*Pâtes, papiers et cartons — Dosage du pentachlorophénol dans un  
extrait aqueux*





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## Foreword

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# Pulp, paper and board — Determination of pentachlorophenol in an aqueous extract

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a test method for the determination of pentachlorophenol (PCP) in an aqueous extract of pulp, paper and board. Although it was developed for paper and board intended to come into contact with foodstuffs, it is applicable to all kinds of pulp, paper and board.

The working range for acetylation is 0,05 mg/kg to 0,5 mg/kg.

**NOTE** The upper limit of the working range could be increased if the aqueous extract is diluted.

## 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 186, *Paper and board — Sampling to determine average quality*

ISO 536, *Paper and board — Determination of grammage*

ISO 638, *Paper, board and pulps — Determination of dry matter content — Oven-drying method*

ISO 7213, *Pulps — Sampling for testing*

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

## 3 Principle

A specimen of the material to be tested is extracted with either cold or hot water. The pentachlorophenol extract is concentrated by adsorption onto a phenyl silica column using solid-phase extraction. The pentachlorophenol is then eluted from the phenyl silica column with *n*-hexane and an acetylated derivative formed with acetic anhydride. The amount of pentachlorophenol present is then determined using gas chromatography employing an electron-capture detector (ECD) or mass spectrometer (MS) detector. The result is expressed as milligrams per kilogram of material.