
**Water quality — Determination of selected
monovalent phenols —**

Part 2:
Method by derivatization and gas
chromatography

Qualité de l'eau — Dosage des phénols monovalents sélectionnés —

Partie 2: Méthode par dérivatisation et chromatographie en phase gazeuse



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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Gas-chromatographic method after enrichment by extraction*
- *Part 2: Method by derivatization and gas chromatography*

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Part 2:

Method by derivatization and gas chromatography

1 Scope

This part of ISO 8165 specifies a method for the determination of phenols by gas chromatography, following pentafluorobenzoyl chloride (PFBC) derivatization. It may in particular be applied to the examination of drinking water, ground water and moderately contaminated surface water. With this method, lower limits of detection may be obtained compared with extraction procedures.

Since other reactive compounds such as amines and in some cases alcohols may also react, this method is not applicable in all cases to the examination of waste water. The applicability to the examination of waste water should be investigated for each individual case.

This method allows the determination of the phenols listed in Table 1 in a concentration range $\geq 0,1 \mu\text{g/l}$. Other monovalent phenols may also be analysed using this method, but the applicability needs to be checked for each individual case.

Table 1 — Phenols to which this method is applicable

phenol	2-cyclopentyl-4-chlorophenol
2-methylphenol	4-chloro-2-benzylphenol
3-methylphenol	6-chloro-5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)phenol
4-methylphenol	2,3-dichlorophenol
2,4-dimethylphenol	2,4-dichlorophenol
4-ethylphenol	2,5-dichlorophenol
2,6-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-methylphenol	2,6-dichlorophenol
2-phenylphenol	2,4,6-trichlorophenol
2-benzylphenol	2,3,5-trichlorophenol
2-benzyl-4-methylphenol	2,4,5-trichlorophenol
2-chlorophenol	2,3,6-trichlorophenol
3-chlorophenol	2,3,4,5-tetrachlorophenol
4-chlorophenol	2,3,4,6-tetrachlorophenol
4-chloro-2-methylphenol	2,3,5,6-tetrachlorophenol
4-chloro-3-methylphenol	pentachlorophenol
6-chloro-3-methylphenol	
2,4-dichloro-3,5-dimethylphenol	
2-chloro-4- <i>t</i> -butylphenol	

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 8165. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 8165 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 5667-1:1980, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 1: Guidance on the design of sampling programmes*.

ISO 5667-2:1991, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 2: Guidance on sampling techniques*.

ISO 5667-3:1994, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 3: Guidance on the preservation and handling of samples*.

ISO 8466-1:1990, *Water quality — Calibration and evaluation of analytical methods and estimation of performance characteristics — Part 1: Statistical evaluation of the linear calibration function*.

3 Principle

The phenols contained in the unfiltered water sample are extractively derivatized by means of hexane and pentafluorobenzoyl chloride. The completion of the extractive derivatization is verified by the addition of the control solution (5.14). The gas chromatographic measurement uses two capillary columns of different polarity (simultaneous splitting) and detection with electron-capture detectors (ECD).

4 Interferences

Surfactants, emulsifiers or higher concentrations of polar solvents may affect the extractive derivatization step.

Suspended particles in the water may also interfere and reduce the recovery. A second liquid phase in the water sample (e.g. mineral oil compounds, highly volatile halogenated hydrocarbons, emulsified fats and waxes) disturbs sampling, sample preparation and the enrichment. In such cases the examination is restricted to the aqueous phase, and the portion of the non-aqueous phase is reported separately.

If problems are encountered in the use of the gas chromatographic system, reference should be made to the user's manual provided by the instrument manufacturer.

It is absolutely essential that the test described in this part of ISO 8165 be carried out by suitably qualified staff.

5 Reagents

5.1 General requirements

The content of monovalent phenols in water and reagents used shall be negligibly low, compared with the expected concentration levels. The water shall be suitable for trace analysis, its blank being determined in accordance with 8.1 and 8.2. If necessary, the water shall be purified by distillation at pH value > 12.

5.2 Sodium hydroxide solution, $c(\text{NaOH}) = 1 \text{ mol/l}$.

5.3 Sodium sulfite, Na_2SO_3 .

5.4 Sodium hydrogencarbonate solution, $c(\text{NaHCO}_3) = 1 \text{ mol/l}$.