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**Textiles — Determination of  
components in flax fibres**

*Textiles — Détermination des composants des fibres de lin*

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# Textiles — Determination of components in flax fibres

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the test methods for the quantitative analysis of cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin, pectin, fat and wax content in flax fibres.

This document is applicable to flax fibres and can be used as a reference for testing other bast fibres.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 1130, *Textile fibres — Some methods of sampling for testing*

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

ISO 4793, *Laboratory sintered (fritted) filters — Porosity grading, classification and designation*

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

## 4 Principle

Flax fibres were treated physically and chemically to extract and separate the components which were consequently subjected to gravimetric analysis, titration and spectrophotometry for quantitative determination.

## 5 Reagents

- 5.1 **Sodium hydroxide**, CAS No. 8012-01-9, with a purity of more than 95 %.
- 5.2 **Sulphuric acid**, CAS No. 7664-93-9, with a purity of 95 % to 98 %,  $\rho = 1,84$  g/ml.
- 5.3 **Ammonium oxalate**, CAS No. 1113-38-8, with a purity of more than 99 %.
- 5.4 **Anthrone**, CAS No. 90-44-8, analytical grade.
- 5.5 **Grate 3 water**, in accordance with ISO 3696.
- 5.6 **Acetone**, CAS No. 67-64-1, with a purity of more than 99,5 %.