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## Introduction

In Europe, according to Regulation (EU) 2018/1513 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) by Entry 72 [1], (a) clothing or related accessories; (b) textiles other than clothing which, under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use, come into contact with human skin to an extent similar to clothing; (c) footwear, are not to be placed on the market after 1 November 2020, if they contain more than 5 mg/kg of benzene.

This restriction does not apply to: (a) clothing, related accessories or footwear, or parts of clothing, related accessories or footwear, made exclusively of natural leather, fur or hide; (b) non-textile fasteners and non-textile decorative attachments; (c) second-hand clothing, related accessories, textiles other than clothing or footwear; (d) wall-to-wall carpets and textile floor coverings for indoor use, rugs and runners. It also does not apply to clothing, related accessories, textiles other than clothing, or footwear within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 on personal protective equipment or Regulation (EU) 2017/745 on medical devices. The restriction on textiles other than clothing does not apply to disposable textiles. "Disposable textiles" means textiles that are designed to be used only once or for a limited time and are not intended for subsequent use for the same or a similar purpose.

Although the Regulation [1] excludes non-textile fastenings and decorative items, this method is also suitable for such components.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method using headspace gas chromatography and mass selective spectroscopy (HS-GC-MS) for detection and quantification of benzene in components of textile products.

## 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.

EN ISO 4787, *Laboratory glass and plastic ware — Volumetric instruments — Methods for testing of capacity and for use (ISO 4787)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp/>
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## 4 Principle

The sample is cut into small pieces and analysed using a headspace gas chromatograph with mass selective detector (HS-GC-MS).

## 5 Reagents

Unless otherwise specified, analytical grade chemicals shall be used.

**5.1 Benzene**, CAS Registry Number<sup>1</sup> (CAS RN<sup>®</sup>) 71-43-2.

**5.2 Benzene-d<sub>6</sub>**, CAS RN<sup>®</sup> 1076-43-3.

**5.3 Methanol**, CAS RN<sup>®</sup> 67-56-1.

### 5.4 Stock solutions

#### 5.4.1 Benzene stock solution

Prepare a benzene stock solution of an appropriate concentration for the HS-GC-MS used (e.g.  $c = 1\,000\ \mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ ) by dissolving benzene (5.1) in methanol (5.3). Store the benzene stock solution at  $-18\ ^\circ\text{C}$ .

**EXAMPLE** For a benzene stock solution with a concentration of  $1\,000\ \mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ , 5 ml to 10 ml methanol (5.3) are added into a 100 ml volumetric flask.  $(100 \pm 0,1)$  mg of benzene (5.1) are weighed directly in the methanol and filled to the mark with methanol (5.3).

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