

**Products used for treatment of water intended for
human consumption - Powdered diatomaceous earth**

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English Version

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Produits utilisés pour le traitement de l'eau destinée à la
consommation humaine - Terre de diatomées en poudre

Produkte zur Aufbereitung von Wasser für den
menschlichen Gebrauch - Kieselgur, pulverförmig

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Foreword

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Introduction

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- b) it should be noted that, while awaiting the adoption of verifiable European criteria, existing national regulations concerning the use and/or the characteristics of this product remain in force.

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1 Scope

This European Standard is applicable to powdered diatomaceous earth used for treatment of water intended for human consumption. It describes the characteristics of powdered diatomaceous earth and specifies the requirements and the corresponding test methods for powdered diatomaceous earth and gives information on its use in water treatment. It also determines the rules relating to safe handling and use of powdered diatomaceous earth (see Annex B).

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 12901:1999, *Products used for treatment of water intended for human consumption — Inorganic supporting and filtering materials — Definitions*

EN 12902, *Products used for treatment of water intended for human consumption — Inorganic supporting and filtering materials — Methods of test*

3 Terms, definitions and symbols

For the purposes of this document, the terms, definitions and symbols given in EN 12901:1999 apply.

4 Description

4.1 Identification

4.1.1 Chemical name

Not applicable.

4.1.2 Synonym or common names

Diatomite, Kieselguhr, Diatomaceous earth, Calcined diatomite, Flux calcined diatomite.

4.1.3 Chemical formula

Not applicable.

4.1.4 CAS Registry numbers ¹⁾

- 61 790-53-2 Dry and ground;
- 91 053-39-3 Diatomaceous calcined;
- 68 855-54-9 Flux calcined.

1) Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number.