
Water quality — Sampling —

Part 21:

**Guidance on sampling of drinking water
distributed by tankers or means other
than distribution pipes**

Qualité de l'eau — Échantillonnage —

*Partie 21: Lignes directrices pour l'échantillonnage de l'eau potable
distribuée par camions-citernes ou d'autres moyens que les tuyaux de
distribution*



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Foreword

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ISO 5667 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Water quality — Sampling*:

- *Part 1: Guidance on the design of sampling programmes and sampling techniques*
- *Part 3: Guidance on the preservation and handling of water samples*
- *Part 4: Guidance on sampling from lakes, natural and man-made*
- *Part 5: Guidance on sampling of drinking water from treatment works and piped distribution systems*
- *Part 6: Guidance on sampling of rivers and streams*
- *Part 7: Guidance on sampling of water and steam in boiler plants*
- *Part 8: Guidance on the sampling of wet deposition*
- *Part 9: Guidance on sampling from marine waters*
- *Part 10: Guidance on sampling of waste waters*
- *Part 11: Guidance on sampling of groundwaters*
- *Part 12: Guidance on sampling of bottom sediments*
- *Part 13: Guidance on sampling of sludges*
- *Part 14: Guidance on quality assurance of environmental water sampling and handling*
- *Part 15: Guidance on the preservation and handling of sludge and sediment samples*
- *Part 16: Guidance on biotesting of samples*

- Part 17: *Guidance on sampling of bulk suspended solids*
- Part 19: *Guidance on sampling of marine sediments*
- Part 20: *Guidance on the use of sampling data for decision making — Compliance with thresholds and classification systems*
- Part 21: *Guidance on sampling of drinking water distributed by tankers or means other than distribution pipes*
- Part 22: *Guidance on the design and installation of groundwater monitoring points*
- Part 23: *Guidance on passive sampling*

Introduction

ISO 5667 deals with the general aspects of sampling (see ISO 5667-1 and ISO 5667-3) and with the sampling of specific types of water (ISO 5667-4 onwards). This part of ISO 5667 is one of the specific water-type sampling parts, and deals with the sampling of drinking water, with or without prior treatment, when the water is supplied by means other than a piped distribution system contiguous to a water source. This part of ISO 5667 should be read in conjunction with ISO 5667-1, ISO 5667-3 and ISO 5667-5.

Effective monitoring of drinking water requires collaboration between sampling programme designers, water operators including transporters and water couriers, sample collectors, laboratory analysts, and data users. This part of ISO 5667 gives guidance on the selection of sampling locations and the collection of samples when monitoring drinking water.

Understanding the purposes for monitoring drinking water and the principles behind the methods of analysis is important, since specific sampling protocols can vary widely in accordance with different purposes and different analytical methods.

Examples of sampling purposes include:

- a) searching for the cause of pollution within the distribution chain (e.g. in response to customer complaints);
- b) monitoring the quality of drinking water in storage and at the point of use on ships, aircraft and other vessels and vehicles that provide water for drinking, washing, cooking or other purposes;
- c) assessing the effects of materials in contact with the water on its quality;
- d) assessing the integrity of a non-contiguous distribution chain.

An important factor to take into account is that the potential for microbial regrowth due to faecal contamination of drinking water is always present and constitutes a genuine risk to human health. Chemical contamination events also occur, but these are likely to pose chronic hazards rather than the acute effects generated by faecal contamination.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 5667 establishes principles to be applied to the techniques of sampling water provided for drinking and for use in the manufacture of food and beverage products.

The guidance given in this part of ISO 5667 is generally confined to those circumstances where water is drawn from municipal or similar public or private abstraction, treatment or distribution systems for which prior treatment or quality assessment has resulted in the water being classified as suitable for drinking or potable process purposes. Specifically, this part of ISO 5667 is applicable to water that is supplied by tanker or other non-contiguous bulk means, but not contiguously as part of a piped distribution system, during any stage of use up to and including the point of consumption or transfer to a piped distribution system. This part of ISO 5667 is also applicable to the distribution and bulk storage of water on aircraft, trucks, trains, ships, and other vessels and vehicles, as well as to sampling situations that can arise during the investigation of system defects, initiation of new systems, re-initiation of systems that have been unused for long periods or emergency situations where the safety of sampling operatives is not compromised.

This part of ISO 5667 does not provide guidance on:

- a) the sampling of source water, e.g. groundwater and impoundments;
- b) the sampling of potable water supplies derived from contiguous piped supplies covered by ISO 5667-5;
- c) the sampling of beverage products (including bottled waters) or food containing potable water used in its preparation;
- d) the sampling of drink vending machines.

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 documents (including any amendments) applies.

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

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

ISO 5667-5:2006, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 5: Guidance on sampling of drinking water from treatment works and piped distribution systems*

ISO 5667-14, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 14: Guidance on quality assurance of environmental water sampling and handling*

ISO/TS 13530, *Water quality — Guidance on analytical quality control for chemical and physicochemical water analysis*

ISO 15553, *Water quality — Isolation and identification of Cryptosporidium oocysts and Giardia cysts from water*

ISO 15839, *Water quality — On-line sensors/analysing equipment for water — Specifications and performance tests*

ISO 19458, *Water quality — Sampling for microbiological analysis*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

conventional water distribution

water distribution via a contiguous system of pipes and works from source to use

3.2

drinking water

water intended for human consumption

[ISO 24510:2007^[3], 2.11]

3.3

non-contiguous water distribution

water distribution where there is no continuous system of pipes and works from source to use

EXAMPLE Distribution by tanker truck.

3.4

potable process water

water abstracted without treatment, or applied after treatment, in the food or beverage manufacturing industries, but excluding that contained within the end-product food and beverage, or the products themselves

NOTE Adapted from ISO 5667-5:2006, 2.3.

4 Monitoring programme design

Refer to ISO 5667-1 regarding the design of monitoring programmes, including statistical considerations.

5 Sampling equipment

Refer to ISO 5667-1 and ISO 5667-3 regarding sampling equipment, requirements for containers and materials in contact with the sample, and cleaning of sample containers.

Refer to ISO 15839 regarding performance characteristics for analysing equipment, and to ISO 19458 regarding equipment, bottles, and sterilization requirements specific to sampling for microbiological analysis.