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European foreword

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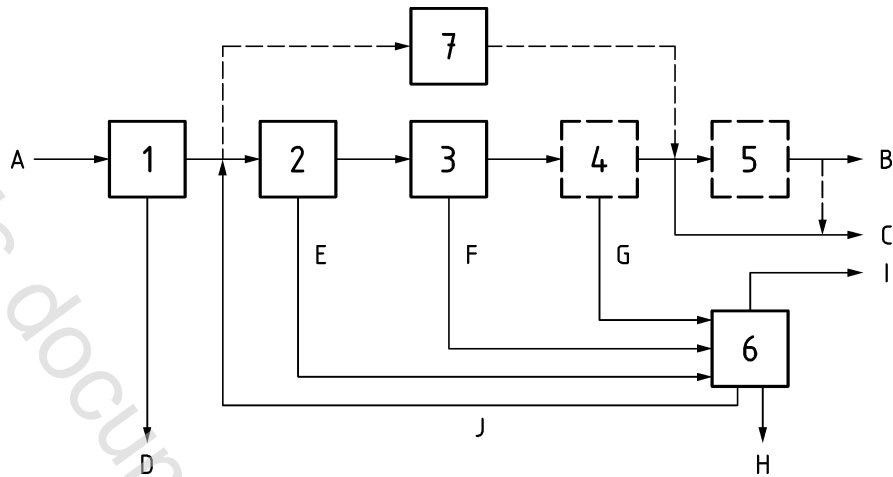
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- *Part 1: General construction principles*
- *Part 2: Storm management systems*
- *Part 3: Preliminary treatment*
- *Part 4: Primary settlement*
- *Part 5: Lagooning processes*
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- *Part 7: Biological fixed-film reactors*
- *Part 8: Sludge treatment and storage*
- *Part 9: Odour control and ventilation*
- *Part 10: Safety principles*
- *Part 11: General data required*
- *Part 12: Control and automation*
- *Part 13: Chemical treatment — Treatment of wastewater by precipitation/flocculation*
- *Part 14: Disinfection*
- *Part 15: Measurement of the oxygen transfer in clean water in aeration tanks of activated sludge plants*
- *Part 16: Physical (mechanical) filtration*

NOTE For requirements on pumping installations at wastewater treatment plants see EN 752 “Drain and sewer systems outside buildings - Sewer system management” and EN 16932 (all parts) “Drain and sewer systems outside buildings - Pumping systems”.

Differences in wastewater treatment throughout Europe have led to a variety of systems being developed. This document gives fundamental information about the systems; this document has not attempted to specify all available systems. A generic arrangement of wastewater treatment plants is illustrated in Figure 1.



Key

- 1 preliminary treatment
- 2 primary treatment
- 3 secondary treatment
- 4 tertiary treatment
- 5 additional treatment (e.g. disinfection or removal of micropollutants)
- 6 sludge treatment
- 7 lagoons (as an alternative)
- A raw wastewater
- B effluent for re-use (e.g. irrigation)
- C discharged effluent
- D screenings and grit
- E primary sludge
- F secondary sludge
- G tertiary sludge
- H digested sludge
- I digester gas
- J returned water from dewatering

Figure 1 — Schematic diagram of wastewater treatment plants

Detailed information additional to that contained in this document may be obtained by referring to the bibliography.

The primary application is for wastewater treatment plants designed for the treatment of domestic and municipal wastewater.

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1 Scope

This document specifies design principles and performance requirements for tertiary clarification (receiving effluent from secondary treatment) by physical filtration plant at wastewater treatment plants serving more than 50 PT.

NOTE 1 Ultrafiltration, nanofiltration and reverse osmosis are not covered within the scope of this document as they are not considered to be used for tertiary clarification.

NOTE 2 Soil filtration is not covered in this document.

NOTE 3 Activated carbon filtration is excluded from the scope of this document as it is not considered to be a form of mechanical filtration.

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 16323:2014, *Glossary of wastewater engineering terms*

EN 12255-1, *Wastewater treatment plants - Part 1: General construction principles*

EN 12255-10, *Wastewater treatment plants - Part 10: Safety principles*

EN 12255-12, *Wastewater treatment plants - Part 12: Control and automation*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 16323:2014 and the following apply.

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

3.1

filtration

process of retention of matter on or in a filter medium when passed by a fluid

Note 1 to entry: The filter medium can be a porous bed or a surface whereon a filter cake is building up.

[SOURCE: EN 16323:2014, 2.3.5.17, modified, to reflect that dissolved matter can also be removed by some filter types (e.g. granular activated carbon)]

3.2

deep bed filtration

process for the removal of solids from a fluid whereby the fluid flows through a filter medium consisting of a porous bed

3.3

surface filtration

process for the removal of solids from a fluid whereby the fluid flows through a filter cake building up on an essentially two dimensional filter medium