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Determination of dry residue or water content and
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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 11465:1993), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 11465:1993/Cor 1:1994.

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- content was merged with the content of EN 12880 where appropriate;
- content was merged with the content of EN 15934 where appropriate.

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Introduction

In case of analysis of solids and sludge, water is usually not considered as part of the sample and results are generally related to dry matter, which can be calculated by determination of the dry residue (dry matter fraction). For this purpose, and for the determination of the water content, two methods are specified in this document. The choice of the method depends on the type of sample and its content of volatile substances excluding water.

As a result of the validation study, the determination of water content by azeotropic distillation has been replaced by Karl Fischer titration. Nevertheless, the distillation can be useful in certain cases.

This document is applicable and validated for several types of matrices as indicated in [Table 1](#) (see also [Annex A](#) for the results of the validation).

Table 1 — Matrices for which this document is applicable and validated

Matrix	Materials used for validation
Sludge (only method A)	Municipal sludge
Biowaste (only method A)	Fresh compost
Soil (only method A)	Sludge amended soil
Waste (methods A and B)	Contaminated soil Dredged sludge Nickel sludge Filter cake Distillation residue Drilling emulsion

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1 Scope

This document specifies methods for the calculation of the dry matter fraction of sludge, sludge products, treated biowaste, soil and waste for which the results of performed analysis are calculated to the dry matter basis. Depending on the nature and origin of the sample, the calculation is based on a determination of the dry residue (method A) or a determination of the water content (methods A and B). It applies to samples containing more than 1 % (mass fraction) of dry residue or more than 1 % (mass fraction) of water.

Method A applies to sludge, sludge products, treated biowaste, soil and solid waste. Method B applies to liquid waste and to samples which are suspected or known to contain volatiles except for water.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

3.1

dry residue

remaining mass fraction of a sample after a drying process at 105 °C under specified conditions

3.2

water content

mass fraction of water in a sample determined by the method after drying at 105 °C or by Karl Fischer titration under specified conditions

3.3

dry matter fraction

mass fraction of a sample minus its water content