
**Soil quality — Determination of
herbicides — Method using HPLC with
UV-detection**

*Qualité du sol — Dosage des herbicides — Méthode par CLHP avec
détection par UV*



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Foreword

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) method for qualitative and quantitative determination of herbicides of various substance classes in soils. This method covers triazines including their related metabolites, phenyl urea compounds and other herbicides. Compounds are identified and quantified with UV-detection.

The limit of detection for triazines and phenyl urea compounds is ~ 0,01 mg/kg dry matter. It is dependent upon both the compound and the soil matrix.

2 Normative reference

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 document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 10381-1, *Soil quality — Sampling — Part 1: Guidance on the design of sampling programmes*

ISO 10381-2, *Soil quality — Sampling — Part 2: Guidance on sampling techniques*

ISO 11465, *Soil quality — Determination of dry matter and water content on a mass basis — Gravimetric method*

ISO 14507, *Soil quality — Pretreatment of samples for determination of organic contaminants*

3 Principle

The field-moist soil sample is extracted with a mixture of acetone and water (2:1). After addition of NaCl and dichloromethane or petroleum, the isolated organic phase is concentrated and transferred to a acetonitrile/water mixture and without further clean-up is analysed using RP-HPLC, gradient of acetonitrile and water, with UV-detection. Results can be confirmed using diode array UV spectra, GC-MS, GC-NPD or GC-AED (some may need derivatisation).

4 Reagents

All reagents shall be of known analytical grade. The purity of the reagents used shall be checked by running a blank determination as described in 6.5. If the blank value is unreasonably high, i.e. more than 10 % of the lowest value of interest, find the cause through a step-by-step examination of the whole procedure. For measurements at the limit of determination, even reagents suitable for residue analyses may not fulfil this criterion. In this case, sufficient blank determinations shall be incorporated in each series of samples.

4.1 Water, for residue analysis, normally tap water (drinking water) is suitable.

4.2 Acetone, for residue analysis.