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Introduction

Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 [3] lays down the rules on the making available on the market of EU fertilizing products and the specific safety and quality requirements for the defined product function categories (PFCs). Inorganic fertilizers have been classified into PFC 1(C).

The specific safety and quality requirements in relation to specific contaminants (i.e. the mercury, cadmium, nickel, copper, zinc, arsenic, lead, chromium VI, biuret, perchlorate and total chromium content) are defined in this document as well as normative references of the test methods to be used in order to measure the compliance with the related requirement in the Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 [3].

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1 Scope

This document specifies references to methods for the determination of the following contaminants: mercury, cadmium, nickel, copper, zinc, arsenic, lead, chromium(VI), biuret, perchlorate and total chromium content in inorganic fertilizers.

This document is applicable to EU fertilizing products classified as PFC 1(C) and PFC 7 as long as the blend only consists of EU fertilizing products classified as PFC 1(C), PFC 2 and PFC 5 as specified in the Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 [3].

An overview of the references to methods for the determination of the specific contaminants is given in [Table 1](#).

NOTE 1 The determination of copper and zinc in inorganic fertilizers as micronutrients is covered by CEN/TS 17754:2022.

NOTE 2 The determination of copper in ammonium nitrate fertilizers of high nitrogen content is covered by CEN/TS 17751:2022.

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 1482-1:2007, *Fertilizers and liming materials — Sampling and sample preparation — Part 1: Sampling*

EN 1482-2:2007, *Fertilizers and liming materials — Sampling and sample preparation — Part 2: Sample preparation*

EN 1482-3:2016, *Fertilizers and liming materials — Sampling and sample preparation — Part 3: Sampling of static heaps*

EN 12944-1:1999,¹⁾ *Fertilizers and liming materials — Vocabulary — Part 1: General terms*

EN 12944-2:1999,²⁾ *Fertilizers and liming materials — Vocabulary — Part 2: Terms relating to fertilizers*

EN 15479:2009, *Fertilizers — Spectrophotometric determination of biuret in urea*

EN 16317:2013+A1:2017, *Fertilizers and liming materials — Determination of arsenic by inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES) after aqua regia dissolution*

EN 16318:2013+A1:2015, *Fertilizers and liming materials — Determination of chromium(VI) by photometry (method A) and by ion chromatography with spectrophotometric detection (method B)*

EN 16319:2013+A1:2015, *Fertilizers and liming materials — Determination of cadmium, chromium, lead and nickel by inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES) after aqua regia dissolution*

EN 16320:2013+A1:2017, *Fertilizers and liming materials — Determination of mercury by vapour generation (VG) after aqua regia dissolution*

EN 16962:2018, *Fertilizers — Extraction of water soluble micro-nutrients in fertilizers and removal of organic compounds from fertilizer extracts*

EN 16963:2018, *Fertilizers — Determination of boron, cobalt, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum and zinc using ICP-AES*

EN 16964:2018, *Fertilizers — Extraction of total micro-nutrients in fertilizers using aqua regia*

1) As impacted by EN 12944-1:1999/AC:2000.

2) As impacted by EN 12944-2:1999/AC:2000.