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## **European foreword**

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## Introduction

Micronutrients are considered to be, in plant nutrition, a number of elements known to be needed in small amounts for proper plant growth and development. The most common are Iron (Fe), Manganese (Mn), Molybdenum (Mo), Copper (Cu), Zinc (Zn) and Boron (B).

If an organo-mineral fertilizer contains a substance, or one of the substances in the mixture, which is intended to enhance the long term availability to plants of micronutrients in the EU fertilizing product, that substance is either a chelating agent or a complexing agent.

The chelating agents are divided into two groups<sup>1</sup>:

- Group 1: EDTA, DTPA, HEEDTA, IDHA and [S,S]-EDDS;
- Group 2: Chelating agents present in UVCB (unknown or variable composition, complex reaction products or biological materials) chelates including [o,o] EDDHA, [o,p] EDDHA, [o,o] EDDHMA, HBED and EDDHSA.

This document specifies the test method to be used in order to determine the content of certain chelating agents (EDTA, DTPA and HEEDTA) in organo-mineral fertilizers (product function category (PFC) 1(B) according to Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 [4]).

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<sup>1</sup> Abbreviated terms are described in Annex A.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination by ion chromatography of the total amount of each of the individual chelating agents EDTA, HEEDTA, and DTPA in organo-mineral fertilizers, having an organic matrix based on vegetal residues (cocoa shells, grape residue, soybean residue, ...), algae extract, and animal meal (feather, bones, blood, ...) and containing one or more of these substances.

The method allows the identification and the determination of the total water-soluble fraction of each of these chelating agents. It does not allow to distinguish between the free form and the metal bound form of the chelating agents.

This method applies to organo-mineral fertilizers containing chelates of one or more of the following micronutrients: cobalt, copper, iron, manganese, zinc and with a mass fraction of at least 0,1 %.

## 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 12944-1, *Fertilizers and liming materials — Vocabulary — Part 1: General terms*

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

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