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EN 17980:2024 (E)**European foreword**

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Introduction

This document has been prepared by the experts of CEN/TC 454 “Algae and algae products”.

The European Committee for Standardization (CEN) was requested by the European Commission (EC) to draft European standards or European standardization deliverables to support the implementation of Article 3 of Directive 2009/28/EC for algae and algae products.

This request, presented as Mandate M/547, also contributes to the Communication on “Innovating for Sustainable Growth: A Bio economy for Europe”.

The former working group CEN Technical Board Working Group 218 “Algae”, was created in 2016 to develop a work programme as part of this Mandate. The technical committee CEN/TC 454 'Algae and algae products' was established to carry out the work programme that will prepare a series of standards.

The interest in algae and algae products has increased significantly in Europe as a valuable source including but not limited to carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, and several pigments. These materials are suitable for use in a wide range of applications from food and feed purposes to other sectors, such as textile, cosmetics, biopolymers, biofuel and fertilizer/biostimulants. Standardization was identified as having an important role in order to promote the use of algae and algae products.

The work of CEN/TC 454 should improve the reliability of the supply chain, thereby improving the confidence of industry and consumers in algae and algae products and will promote and support commercialisation of the European algae industry.

This document has been developed with the aim to help algae producers and algae products industries to establish a sound sampling program and a correct sampling protocol. The sampling program will define the strategy for sampling, when, where and how much, and the sampling protocol will define how the samples will be collected, packaged, labelled, preserved and transported until the final destination: laboratory, long term storage, customer, health safety authority, etc.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a set of principles and rules that algae producers, algae products industries, laboratories or other entities that collect algae and algae products samples can follow for the definition of their own sampling programs and sampling protocols.

In the context of this document, algae are a functional group that include microalgae, macroalgae, cyanobacteria and *Labyrinthulomycetes*.

As algae and their production processes are so diverse, this document does not define a specific sampling program and/or a specific sampling protocol. Instead, this document specifies the aspects that can be considered when defining its own sampling program and protocol.

This document describes when, where and how to draw a representative sample. For guidance on sample preparation of dry and wet samples of micro- and macroalgae, and algae products, please refer to EN 17605.

This document is to be used for the collection of samples for lot characterization for commercial or legal/regulatory purposes. However, this document can also be used for any type of sampling of algae, including samples for quality control during production.

2 Normative references

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