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European foreword

This document (EN 17705:2024) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 455 “Plant Biostimulants”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by May 2025, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by May 2025.

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This document supersedes CEN TS 17705:2022.

In comparison with the previous edition no technical changes were applied in this document. The following main editorial changes have been made:

- Introduction;
- Scope – text regarding blends changed;
- Annex B – results of the interlaboratory study added;
- Annex ZA added;
- Bibliography reordered.

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EN 17705:2024 (E)**Introduction**

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 Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 of 5 June 2019 [1] laying down rules on the making available on the market of EU fertilising products (“FPR” or “Fertilising Products Regulation”).

This standardization request, presented as SR M/564 and relevant amendments, also contributes to the Communication on “Innovating for Sustainable Growth: A Bio economy for Europe”. The interest in plant biostimulants has increased significantly in Europe as a valuable tool to use in agriculture. Standardization was identified as having an important role in order to promote the use of biostimulants. The work of CEN/TC 455 seeks to improve the reliability of the supply chain, thereby improving the confidence of farmers, industry, and consumers in biostimulants, and will promote and support commercialisation of the European biostimulant industry.

This document describes a procedure for the extraction and measurement for the determination of phosphonate (phosphite) in plant biostimulants. It is based on a water extraction of the phosphonate (phosphite) followed by ion chromatography with conductivity detection (IC-CD).

The ion chromatography with a conductivity detection (IC-CD) method can be used in well-equipped analytical laboratories for the determination of different ions. In the field of fertilizing products, the method is used and standardized for the determination of perchlorates in mineral fertilizers [2]. The IC-CD method can determine more ions simultaneously.

The other documents were studied as a basis for the preparation of this standard [3], [4], [5], [6], [7], [8].

The legislative limit for phosphonate content is 0,5 % (mass fraction) and the method described in this document was adapted to achieve this requirement and simultaneously to reduce interferences from other co-extracted anions as much as possible.

The definition of phosphonates is not clearly stated in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 [1] and to avoid any misunderstanding, the results are expressed as a content of phosphorus (P) bound in the form of free water-soluble phosphonates (P-PO₃).

The inter-laboratory study reflects the final statistical characteristics of the method for the determination of phosphonates content in plant biostimulants. The results are given in Annex B (informative).

WARNING — Persons using this document should be familiar with usual laboratory practice. This document does not purport to address all of the safety issues, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate health and safety practices and to ensure compliance with any national regulatory conditions.

IMPORTANT — It is absolutely essential that tests conducted according to this document are carried out by suitably trained staff.

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the extraction and determination of phosphonates (P-PO₃) in plant biostimulants using ion chromatography and conductivity detection (IC-CD).

This document is applicable to the blends of fertilizing products where a blend is a mix of at least two of the following component EU fertilising products categories: Fertilizers, Liming Materials, Soil Improvers, Growing Media, Inhibitors, Plant Biostimulants, and where the following category Plant Biostimulants is the highest percentage in the blend by mass or volume, or in the case of liquid form by dry mass. If Plant Biostimulants is not the highest percentage in the blend, the European Standard for the highest percentage of the blend applies. In case a blend of fertilizing products is composed of components in equal quantity or in case the component EU fertilising products used for the blend have identical formulations¹, the user decides which standard to apply.

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 17704:2024, *Plant biostimulants — Determination of dry matter*

EN 17702-1:2024, *Plant biostimulants — Sampling and sample preparation — Part 1: Sampling*

EN 17702-2:2024, *Plant biostimulants — Sampling and sample preparation — Part 2: Sample preparation*

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¹ An example of such a blend is a product with two claimed functions consisting of a non-microbial plant biostimulant and an organic fertilizer composed of 1kg/kg of plant biostimulant from seaweed.