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Introduction

The duckweed species *Lemna minor* is used as model organism for higher water plants. Duckweeds are monocotyledonous, free-floating angiosperms and belong to the *Arales* within the subclass of *Aridae*. Duckweeds are fast growing higher plants, spreading from the tropic to the arctic zone. As primary producers they are a food source for waterfowl, fish and small animals and serve as physical support for a variety of small invertebrates.

Duckweed can be damaged by water constituents and effluents (see Annex B). The subsequent inhibition of growth is calculated from the observation parameters (frond number, frond area, chlorophyll, dry weight) by a number of defined calculation methods.

EC values are determined to allow for an assessment of toxic effects of water constituents (e.g. chemicals, plant protection products). The evaluation for at least two observation parameters is based on the average specific growth-rates.

The test is designed for measurement of response of substances dissolved in water. This includes the definition of a fixed dilution step, or a concentration of the test sample at which a parameter of observation (endpoint) is inhibited relative to a control for a defined percentage.

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IMPORTANT — It is absolutely essential that tests conducted according to this International Standard be carried out by suitably trained staff.

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the growth-inhibiting response of duckweed (*Lemna minor*) to substances and mixtures contained in water, treated municipal wastewater and industrial effluents.

2 Normative references

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 5667-16, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 16: Guidance on biotesting of samples*

ISO 10260, *Water quality — Measurement of biochemical parameters — Spectrometric determination of the chlorophyll-a concentration*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

axenic cultures

monocultures of organisms from a single species, free from fungi, algae and other macrophyte species

3.2

calculation parameters

parameters for the estimation of toxicity derived from any parameters of observation by different methods of calculation

EXAMPLE Growth-rates derived from frond number, frond area, chlorophyll and dry weight are calculation parameters in this International Standard.