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Foreword

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- The references to EN 1482-1 and EN 1482-2 were changed to ISO 14820-1 and ISO 14820-2.
- In 5.2.1 and 6.2.1, the general text (not related to the water) was moved directly under 5.2 and 6.2, respectively.
- In Table 1, the word “approximate” was added to the column headers for IBDU and CDU.
- In 5.4.3 and 6.4.3, “the sample grounded” was changed to “the ground sample”.
- In 6.4.3, “pieces of glass” and “pieces” were replaced by “boiling stones”.
- In 6.4.2.1, 6.4.2.2, 6.4.2.3, and 6.4.2.4, “by placing the flask in the” was added before “ultrasonic bath”.
- In 6.4.2.1, 6.4.2.2, 6.4.2.3, 6.4.2.4, 6.4.2.5 and 6.4.3, “homogenize” was changed to “mix thoroughly”.
- In 6.4.2.5, “before transferring into” was changed to “before transferring in” three times.
- In the keys for Figures B.2, B.3, B.4, C.2, C.3, C.4 and C.5, the units for the areas were added.

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Introduction

Fertilizers containing the condensates of urea and specified aldehydes (with crotonaldehyde called crotonyliden diurea or CDU, with isobutyraldehyde called isobutylidene diurea or IBDU, with formaldehyde called urea formaldehyde or methylene urea or MU) are covered by Regulation (EC) 2003/2003, Annex I^[4] as nitrogenous fertilizers. The methods described in this International Standard enable the quantitative determination of these condensates and the determination of the solubility of the MU-oligomers according to the Regulation.