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Foreword

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— *Part 2: Guidance on sampling techniques*

— *Part 3: Guidance on the preservation and handling of samples*

— *Part 4: Guidance on sampling from lakes, natural and man-made*

— *Part 5: Guidance on sampling of drinking water and water used for food and beverage processing*

— *Part 6: Guidance on sampling of rivers and streams*

— *Part 7: Guidance on sampling of water and steam in boiler plants*

— *Part 8: Guidance on sampling of wet deposition*

— *Part 9: Guidance on sampling from marine waters*

— *Part 10: Guidance on sampling of waste waters*

— *Part 11: Guidance on sampling of groundwaters*

— *Part 12: Guidance on sampling of bottom sediments*

— *Part 13: Guidance on sampling of sludges from sewage and water-treatment works*

— *Part 14: Guidance on quality assurance of environmental water sampling and handling*

— *Part 15: Guidance on preservation and handling of sludge and sediment samples*

— *Part 16: Guidance on biotesting of samples*

— *Part 17: Guidance on sampling of suspended sediments*

— *Part 18: Guidance on sampling of groundwater at contaminated sites*

— *Part 19: Guidance on sampling of marine sediments*

Introduction

Analysis of marine sediments plays a major role in monitoring of the aquatic environment and providing information on the status and development of polluted conditions in sediments because of ability of sediments to accumulate contaminants. Marine sediments are characterized by a wide range of organic content, mineralogy and texture.

In ideal sedimentary conditions, i.e. in accumulation areas (deep basins, trenches, etc.), the sediment is deposited in chronological order, such that changes in the deposition of, for example, contaminants can be related to an identifiable time period. However, monitoring of marine bottom sediments, involving both qualitative and quantitative analyses of contaminants, is carried out world-wide in the absence of a common set of procedures and this International Standard is part of an attempt to remedy this situation.