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1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the particle size distribution of solid fertilizers and soil conditioners by test sieving.

NOTE — The applicability of the method has been tested with sieves of nominal sizes of openings between 100 µm and 5,60 mm.

2 References

ISO 565, *Test sieves — Woven metal wire cloth, perforated plate and electroformed sheet — Nominal sizes of openings.*

ISO 2395, *Test sieves and test sieving — Vocabulary.*

ISO 2591, *Test sieving.*

ISO 3310-1, *Test sieves — Technical requirements and testing — Part 1: Test sieves of metal wire cloth.*

ISO 3944, *Fertilizers — Determination of bulk density (loose).*

ISO 3963, *Fertilizers — Sampling from a conveyor by stopping the belt.*

ISO 7410, *Fertilizers and soil conditioners — Final samples — Practical arrangements.*

3 Definitions

For the purpose of this International Standard, the definitions of ISO 2395 apply.

4 Principle

Dry sieving of a fertilizer sample with one or more test sieves using a mechanical sieving machine.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Balance, capable of weighing to the nearest 0,1 g.

5.2 Stainless steel woven wire test sieves, 200 mm diameter, complying with ISO 3310-1, with a lid and receiver for the sieves.

5.3 Mechanical shaker (sieving machine), capable of imparting both horizontal and vertical motion to material inside a nest of sieves.

5.4 Stopwatch.

5.5 Soft brush.

6 Sampling

See ISO 3963 and ISO 7410.

7 Preparation of the test portion

Reduce the sample (a method will form the subject of a future International Standard) to the quantity required for the sieving test. This quantity should be approximately that indicated in column 2 of table 1 for the sieve corresponding to the dominant size fraction of the sample, provided that the size distribution does not cause excess volume on any of the sieves in the set as indicated in column 3 of table 1.