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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Batch test using a liquid to solid ratio of 2 l/kg dry matter*
- *Part 2: Batch test using a liquid to solid ratio of 10 l/kg dry matter*
- *Part 3: Up-flow percolation test*
- *Part 4: Influence of pH on leaching with initial acid/base addition*

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Introduction

In various countries, tests have been developed to characterise and assess the constituents which can be released from materials. The release of soluble constituents upon contact with water is regarded as a main mechanism of release, which results in a potential risk to the environment during the use or disposal of materials. The intent of these tests is to identify the leaching properties of materials. The complexity of the leaching process makes simplifications necessary.

Not all of the relevant aspects of leaching behaviour can be addressed in one standard.

Tests to characterise the behaviour of materials can generally be divided into three categories (EN 12920; EN/TS 14405) and are addressed in ISO 18772^[13]. The relationships between these tests are summarised below:

- a) "Basic characterisation" tests are used to obtain information on the short- and long-term leaching behaviour and characteristic properties of materials. Liquid/solid (L/S) ratios, leachant composition, factors controlling leachability, such as pH, redox potential, complexing capacity, role of dissolved organic carbon (DOC), ageing of material and physical parameters, are addressed in these tests.
- b) "Compliance" tests are used to determine whether the material complies with a specific behaviour or with specific reference values. The tests focus on key variables and leaching behaviour previously identified by basic characterisation tests.
- c) "On-site verification" tests are used as a rapid check to confirm that the material is the same as that which has been subjected to the compliance test(s). On-site verification tests are not necessarily leaching tests.

The test procedure described in this method belongs to category b): basic characterisation tests.

NOTE Up to now, the test procedure described in this part of ISO/TS 21268 has not been validated internationally.

This Technical Specification was elaborated on the basis of CEN/TS 14405.