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Foreword

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1 Scope

This European Standard is applicable to powdered activated carbon used for treatment of water intended for human consumption. It describes the characteristics of powdered activated carbon and specifies the requirements and the corresponding test methods for powdered activated carbon. It gives information on its use in water treatment.

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.

EN 12901:1999, Products used for treatment of water intended for human consumption - Inorganic supporting and filtering materials – Definitions

EN 12902, Products used for treatment of water intended for human consumption - Inorganic supporting and filtering materials - Methods of test

EN ISO 787-11, General methods of test for pigments and extenders - Part 11: Determination of tamped volume and apparent density after tamping (ISO 787-11:1981)

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 12901:1999 apply.

4 Description

4.1 Identification

4.1.1 Chemical name(s)

Carbon.

4.1.2 Synonym or common names

Activated coal, activated charcoal, active carbon.

4.1.3 Chemical formula

C (elementary).

4.1.4 CAS Registry Number 1)

7440-44-0.

4.1.5 EINECS reference 2)

231-153-3.

¹⁾ Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number.

²⁾ European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.



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