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- a) modification of 7.3 on transportation regulations and labelling, adding the sentence “The user shall be aware of the incompatibilities between transported products.”;
- b) modification of 7.4 on marking. The requirements of marking are also applied to the accompanying documents;
- c) use of the changed classification and labelling (see 7.2).

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## 1 Scope

This document is applicable to sodium disulfite used for treatment of water intended for human consumption. It describes the characteristics of sodium disulfite and specifies the requirements and the corresponding test methods for sodium disulfite. It gives information on its use in water treatment. It also determines the rules relating to safe handling and use (see Annex B).

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods (ISO 3696)*

ISO 3629, *Photography — Processing chemicals — Specifications for potassium metabisulfite*

ISO 5993, *Sodium hydroxide for industrial use — Determination of mercury content — Flameless atomic absorption spectrometric method*

ISO 6353-1, *Reagents for chemical analysis — Part 1: General test methods*

ISO 8213, *Chemical products for industrial use — Sampling techniques — Solid chemical products in the form of particles varying from powders to coarse lumps*

ISO 9297, *Water quality — Determination of chloride — Silver nitrate titration with chromate indicator (Mohr's method)*

ISO 22743, *Water quality — Determination of sulfates — Method by continuous flow analysis (CFA)*

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## 4 Description

### 4.1 Identification

#### 4.1.1 Chemical name

Sodium disulfite.

#### 4.1.2 Synonym or common name

Sodium metabisulfite, sodium pyrosulfite.

#### 4.1.3 Relative molecular mass

190,10.

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