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Foreword

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the quantitative determination of the urease inhibitor N-(*n*-butyl)thiophosphoric triamide (NBPT) content in water-soluble matrices, i.e. urea based fertilizers using high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).

NOTE Pure NBPT reference material is required as a standard for the quantitative calibration.

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 1482-2, *Fertilizers and liming materials — Sampling and sample preparation — Part 2: Sample preparation*

EN 12944-1:1999, *Fertilizers and liming materials and soil improvers — Vocabulary — Part 1: General terms*

EN 12944-2:1999, *Fertilizers and liming materials and soil improvers — Vocabulary — Part 2: Terms relating to fertilizers*

EN ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods (ISO 3696:1987)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 12944-1:1999 and EN 12944-2:1999 apply.

4 Principle

This analytical method is based on the principles of liquid chromatography, with absorption in the ultraviolet region for detection of the separated compounds.

5 Reagents

5.1 General

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and distilled or demineralized water (grade 3 according to EN ISO 3696).

5.2 Reagents for liquid chromatography

5.2.1 **Acetonitrile**, HPLC-grade or spectroscopic grade.

5.2.2 **Water**, Milli-Q purified or equivalent quality.

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