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Foreword

This European Standard (EN 12910:2005) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 164 "Water supply", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by April 2006, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 2006.

This European Standard supersedes EN 12910:1999.

Significant technical difference between this edition and EN 12910:1999 is as follows:

- a) Replacement of the reference to EU Directive 80/778/EEC of 15 July 1980 with the latest Directive in force (see [1]).

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Introduction

In respect of potential adverse effects on the quality of water intended for human consumption, caused by the product covered by this European Standard:

- a) this European Standard provides no information as to whether the product may be used without restriction in any of the Member States of the EU or EFTA;
- b) it should be noted that, while awaiting the adoption of verifiable European criteria, existing national regulations concerning the use and/or the characteristics of this product remain in force.

NOTE Conformity with this European Standard does not confer or imply acceptance or approval of the product in any of the Member States of the EU or EFTA. The use of the product covered by this European Standard is subject to regulation or control by National Authorities.

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1 Scope

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

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this European Standard. 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*

3 Terms, definitions and symbols

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

4 Description

4.1 Identification

4.1.1 Chemical name(s)

Almandite $\text{Fe}_3\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$.

Andradite $\text{Ca}_3\text{Fe}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$.

NOTE Both forms can have other metals in partial substitution for the major constituents.

4.2 Commercial form

Each of the two main types of garnet is available in different particle size grades.

5 Physical properties

5.1 Appearance

The product is a pink, red or brown to black coloured granular material. Cubic crystals; the particle shape can be angular to sub-angular to rounded depending on origin.

The product shall be generally homogeneous and shall be visibly free of extraneous matter.

EN 12910:2005 (E)**5.2 Particle size distribution**

The particle size distribution shall be determined on samples taken at the point of manufacture using the method of test given in EN 12902.

NOTE 1 The particle size can decrease during transportation and handling.

The particle size distribution shall be described by either:

a) effective size : (d_{10}) with a maximum deviation of $\pm 5\%$;

uniformity coefficient : (U) which shall be less than 1,5;

minimum size : (d_1) with a maximum deviation of $\pm 5\%$;

or

b) by particle size range and by mass fraction of oversize and undersize particles according to application.

The maximum contents of oversize and undersize shall be a mass fraction of 5% for application of the product as a filtration layer in multi media filters and a mass fraction of 10% for use in single media filters. For use as a support layer, maximum mass fractions of oversize and undersize of 15% are acceptable. See A.2.3 for examples of available particle sizes that are used.

NOTE 2 Other values can be necessary for certain applications.

5.3 Density**5.3.1 General**

The density of garnet varies with the mineralogical form.

NOTE Garnet with absolute density lower than $3,8 \text{ g/cm}^3$ should not be used in multi media sand - garnet filters to prevent intermixing of media.

5.3.2 Bulk density loose

Almandite: The bulk density loose shall be in the range of $2\,150 \text{ kg/m}^3$ to $2\,250 \text{ kg/m}^3$.

Andradite: The bulk density loose shall be in the range of $1\,850 \text{ kg/m}^3$ to $2\,000 \text{ kg/m}^3$.

5.3.3 Bulk density packed

Almandite: The bulk density packed shall be in the range of $2\,350 \text{ kg/m}^3$ to $2\,400 \text{ kg/m}^3$.

Andradite: The bulk density packed shall be in the range of $1\,950 \text{ kg/m}^3$ to $2\,250 \text{ kg/m}^3$.

6 Chemical properties

This European Standard specifies the minimum purity requirements for garnet used for the treatment of water intended for human consumption. Limits are given for impurities commonly present in the product. Depending on the raw material and the manufacturing process other impurities may be present and, if so, this shall be notified to the user and when necessary to relevant authorities.

NOTE 1 Users of this product should check the national regulations in order to clarify whether it is of appropriate purity for treatment of water intended for human consumption, taking into account raw water quality, contents of other impurities and additives used in the products not stated in this product standard.

Limits have been given for impurities and chemical parameters where these are likely to be present in significant quantities from the current production process and raw materials. If the production process or raw materials lead to significant quantities of impurities, by-products or additives being present, this shall be notified to the user.

The chemical composition varies with the mineralogical form, typical data are given in Table A.1.

NOTE 2 Because of the nature of the occurrence and production of garnet a small proportion of other minerals, in particular silica sand and ilmenite, can be present in the commercial product.

NOTE 3 After filling, washing and commissioning of a filter system producing drinking water, garnet should not increase the concentrations of chemical parameters (see [1]).

NOTE 4 Water extractable substances, determined in accordance with the method for granular materials given in EN 12902, can be used to estimate the leaching of the chemicals specified in EN 12902.

7 Specific properties

Garnet is a non-reactive high density filtration and support medium. It is used specifically because of its high density.

8 Test methods

8.1 Sampling

Prepare the laboratory sample (s) required by the relevant procedures described in EN 12902.

8.2 Analysis

8.2.1 Particle size distribution

The particle size distribution shall be determined in accordance with EN 12902.

8.2.2 Bulk density loose

The bulk density loose shall be determined in accordance with EN 12902.

8.2.3 Bulk density packed

The bulk density packed shall be determined in accordance with EN 12902.

9 Labelling, transportation and storage

9.1 Means of delivery

Garnet shall be delivered in bags, semi-bulk containers, or bulk.

In order that the purity of the product is not affected, the means of delivery shall not have been used previously for any different product or it shall have been specially cleaned and prepared before use.

9.2 Risk and safety labelling in accordance with the EU Directives ¹⁾

Garnet is not listed as a dangerous substance at the date of publication of this European Standard.

¹⁾ See [2].