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Foreword

This document (EN 937:2009) 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by December 2009, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by December 2009.

This document supersedes EN 937:1999.

Differences between this edition and EN 937:1999 are mainly editorial to harmonize the text with other standards in this series and more precisely as follows:

- a) deletion of reference to EU Directive 80/778/EEC of July 15, 1980 in order to take into account the latest Directive in force (see [1]);
- b) deletion of Hg as Chemical Parameter in Table 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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EN 937:2009 (E)

1 Scope

This European Standard is applicable to chlorine used for treatment of water intended for human consumption. It describes the characteristics of chlorine and specifies the requirements and the corresponding test methods for chlorine. 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 ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods (ISO 3696:1987)*

ISO 1552, *Liquid chlorine for industrial use — Method of sampling (for determining only the volumetric chlorine content)*

ISO 2120, *Liquid chlorine for industrial use — Determination of the content of chlorine by volume in the vaporized product*

ISO 2121, *Liquid chlorine for industrial use — Determination of water content — Gravimetric method*

ISO 6206, *Chemical products for industrial use — Sampling — Vocabulary*

3 Description

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3.1 Identification

3.1.1 Chemical name

Chlorine.

3.1.2 Synonym or common name

Liquid chlorine.

3.1.3 Relative molecular mass

70,91.

3.1.4 Empirical formula

Cl₂.

3.1.5 Chemical formula

Cl₂.

3.1.6 CAS Registry Number ¹⁾

7782-50-5.

3.1.7 EINECS reference ²⁾

231-959-5.

3.2 Commercial form

Pressurized liquefied gas.

3.3 Physical properties**3.3.1 Appearance**

Liquid chlorine is a clear, amber coloured liquid. Chlorine gas is greenish yellow, 2,5 times heavier than air. It has a suffocating and characteristic odour.

3.3.2 Density

Liquid: 1,409 g/ml at 20 °C.

Gas:

— 3,169 kg/m³ at 101.3 kPa at 0 °C;

— 2,945 kg/m³ at 101.3 kPa at 20 °C.

3.3.3 Solubility (in water)

7,26 g/l at 20 °C and 100 kPa.

3.3.4 Vapour pressure

669 kPa at 20 °C.

3.3.5 Boiling point at 100 kPa ³⁾

- 34 °C.

3.3.6 Liquefaction point

- 101 °C at 100 kPa.

¹⁾ Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number.

²⁾ European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.

³⁾ 100 kPa = 1 bar.

EN 937:2009 (E)**3.3.7 Specific heat**

Liquid : 920 J/(kg.K) at - 34 °C.

Gas : 475 J/(kg.K) at 0 °C.

3.3.8 Viscosity (dynamic)

Gas : 1 333 x 10⁻⁸ Pa.s at 20 °C.

Liquid : 4,78 x 10⁻⁴ Pa.s at - 34 °C.

3.3.9 Critical temperature

144 °C.

3.3.10 Critical pressure

7 710,83 kPa.

3.3.11 Physical hardness

Not applicable.

3.4 Chemical properties

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Chlorine is a very strong oxidizing agent and can react violently with some gases such as hydrogen. Almost all metals form chlorides in the presence of chlorine. Organic compounds including mineral oils and greases react very quickly with chlorine.

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The standard redox potential of gaseous chlorine in neutral aqueous solution at 25 °C and 101.3 mbar is:

**4 Purity criteria****4.1 General**

This European Standard specifies the minimum purity requirements for chlorine 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 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, required dosage, contents of other impurities and additives used in the product not stated in the product standard.

Limits have been given for impurities and chemicals 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 leads to significant quantities of impurities, by-products or additives being present, this shall be notified to the user.

4.2 Composition of commercial product

The product shall contain at least a volume fraction of 99,5 % chlorine.

4.3 Impurities and main by-products

The product shall conform to the requirements specified in Table 1.

Table 1 — Impurities

Impurities	Limit in mg/kg of product
Water (H ₂ O)	20
Nitrogen trichloride (NCl ₃)	20 ^a
^a Valid for containers with a net mass of max. 1000 kg liquid chlorine. For tanks with a higher capacity the limit shall be lowered to 10 mg/kg due to safety concerns (see [4] for further details).	

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NOTE 1 Other by-products consist of inert gases (nitrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide, hydrogen) in variable proportion which are not relevant for the purposes described in this European Standard.

NOTE 2 Carbon tetrachloride, which is used in some chlorine manufacturing plants as an auxiliary solvent in chlorine processing, and other chlorinated hydrocarbons originating from rubberised or plastic piping might be present in traces in chlorine, but are not relevant due to the low dosage of chlorine to water intended for human consumption. Chlorine can also contain traces of bromine, depending on the purity of the salt used in the electrolytic process and the subsequent chlorine processing.

4.4 Chemical parameters

Heavy metals, which might be present in traces in liquid chlorine, are no relevant chemical parameters for gaseous chlorine that is applied in water treatment. Cyanide, pesticides and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons are not by-products of the manufacturing process.

NOTE For the purpose of this standard, "chemical parameters" are those defined in the EU Directive 98/83/EC of November 3, 1998 ([1]). For their parametric values in drinking water see [1]."