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**Foreword**

This European Standard 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by August 1998, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by August 1998.

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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 Standard :

- 1) This 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 ;
- 2) 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.

## 1 Scope

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

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| EN ISO 3696       | Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods (ISO 3696 : 1987)   |
| ISO 746           | Sodium carbonate for industrial use - Determination of matter insoluble in water at 50 degrees C   |
| ISO 2199          | Sodium hydrogen carbonate for industrial use - Determination of sodium hydrogen carbonate content - Titrimetric method   |
| ISO 2460          | Sodium hydrogen carbonate for industrial use - Determination of iron content - 1,10 - Phenanthroline photometric method  |
| ISO 3165          | Sampling of chemical products for industrial use - Safety in sampling  |
| ISO 5666-1 : 1983 | Water quality - Determination of total mercury by flameless atomic absorption spectrometry - Part 1 : Method after digestion with permanganate-peroxodisulfate |
| ISO 6206          | Chemical products for industrial use - Sampling - Vocabulary   |
| ISO 8213          | Chemical products for industrial use - Sampling techniques - Solid chemical products in the form of particles varying from powders to coarse lumps             |

### 3 Description

#### 3.1 Identification

##### 3.1.1 Chemical name

Sodium hydrogen carbonate.

##### 3.1.2 Synonym or common names

Sodium bicarbonate, bicarbonate of soda, baking soda.

##### 3.1.3 Relative molecular mass

84,01.

##### 3.1.4 Empirical formula

NaHCO<sub>3</sub>.

##### 3.1.5 Chemical formula

NaHCO<sub>3</sub>.

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##### 3.1.6 CAS Registry Number <sup>1)</sup>

144-55-8.

##### 3.1.7 EINECS reference <sup>2)</sup>

205-633-8.

#### 3.2 Commercial forms

Sodium hydrogen carbonate as specified in this standard is technical water-free NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The product is available as powder or crystals.

#### 3.3 Physical properties

##### 3.3.1 Appearance

The product is a white powder or crystals, slightly hygroscopic.

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<sup>1)</sup> Chemicals Abstracts Service Registry Number.

<sup>2)</sup> European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.

### 3.3.2 Density

Solid : 2,2 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

Bulk density ranging from 0,5 kg/dm<sup>3</sup> to 1,1 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>.

### 3.3.3 Solubility (in water)

95 g/l at 20 °C.

### 3.3.4 Vapour pressure

Not applicable.

### 3.3.5 Boiling point at 100 kPa <sup>3)</sup>

Not applicable.

### 3.3.6 Melting point

Not applicable. Product decomposes at 50 °C.

### 3.3.7 Specific heat

1,197 kJ/kg∇K.

### 3.3.8 Viscosity, dynamic

Not applicable.

### 3.3.9 Critical temperature

Not applicable.

### 3.3.10 Critical pressure

Not applicable.

### 3.3.11 Physical hardness

The hardness of solid sodium hydrogen carbonate is given as 1,5 to 2 on the Mohs'scale of hardness.

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<sup>3)</sup> 100 kPa = 1 bar.



### 3.4 Chemical properties

Sodium hydrogen carbonate reacts exothermically with acids with formation of carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ).

## 4 Purity criteria

### 4.1 General

Limits have been given for impurities and toxic substances where these are likely to be present in significant quantities from the current production process and raw materials. If a change in the production process or raw materials leads to significant quantities of other impurities or by-products being present, this shall be notified to the user.

### 4.2 Composition of commercial product

The product shall contain not less than 98,5 % (*m/m*) of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ .

### 4.3 Impurities and main by-products

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

The concentration limits refer to  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ .

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Table 1 : Impurities

| Impurity                                     |      | Limit in<br>mg/kg of $\text{NaHCO}_3$ |
|--|------|---------------------------------------|
| Iron(II) <sup>1)</sup>                       | max. | 5                                     |
| Insolubles <sup>2)</sup>                     | max. | 200                                   |
| 1) Iron(II) can cause organoleptic problems. |      |                                       |
| 2) Indicates the presence of foreign matter. |      |                                       |

### 4.4 Toxic substances

NOTE : For the purpose of this standard, "toxic substances" are those defined in the Directive 80/778/EEC of 15 July, 1980 (see C.1).

The content of toxic substances shall conform to the requirements specified in table 2.

The concentration limits are specified in milligrams per kilogram of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ .

Table 2 : Toxic substances

| Element  |      | Limit in<br>mg/kg of NaHCO <sub>3</sub> |
|--|------|---|
| Arsenic (As)   | max. | 2                                       |
| Cadmium (Cd)   | max. | 2                                       |
| Chromium (Cr)  | max. | 2                                       |
| Mercury (Hg)   | max. | 0,1                                     |
| Nickel (Ni)  | max. | 2                                       |
| Lead (Pb)  | max. | 2                                       |
| NOTE : Antimony, selenium, cyanides, pesticides and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons are not relevant toxic substances as listed in Directive 80/778/EEC because they are not likely to be found in the raw materials. |      |   |

## 5 Test methods

### 5.1 Sampling

Take a sample in accordance with ISO 8213 and taking account of ISO 3165 and also ISO 6206.

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#### 5.2.1 Main product

The NaHCO<sub>3</sub> content shall be determined by titration with a standard volumetric acid solution in accordance with ISO 2199.

#### 5.2.2 Impurities

##### 5.2.2.1 Iron

The iron content shall be determined by the spectrometric method with 1,10-phenanthroline in accordance with ISO 2460.

##### 5.2.2.2 Insolubles

The percentage by mass (% (m/m)) of the insolubles in water shall be determined at 50 °C in accordance with ISO 746 replacing sodium carbonate by sodium hydrogen carbonate.

### 5.2.3 Toxic substances

#### 5.2.3.1 General

The concentrations of toxic substances, except for mercury, shall be determined by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP/OES).

#### 5.2.3.2 Arsenic

The arsenic concentration shall be determined by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP/OES) (see B.1).

#### 5.2.3.3 Cadmium

The cadmium concentration shall be determined by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP/OES) (see B.1).

#### 5.2.3.4 Chromium

The chromium concentration shall be determined by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP/OES) (see B.1).

#### 5.2.3.5 Mercury

The mercury concentration shall be determined by cold vapour atomic absorption spectrometry in accordance with ISO 5666-1 (see B.2).

#### 5.2.3.6 Nickel

The nickel concentration shall be determined by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP/OES) (see B.1).

#### 5.2.3.7 Lead

The lead concentration shall be determined by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP/OES) (see B.1).

## 6 Labelling - Transportation - Storage

### 6.1 Means of delivery

Sodium hydrogen carbonat can be delivered in bulk, bulk bags or in bags.

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.