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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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by March 1998, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by March 1998.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 describes the characteristics and specifies the requirements and the corresponding test methods for sodium silicate used for treatment of water intended for human consumption. 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.

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EN 26595	Water quality - Determination of total arsenic - Silver diethyldithiocarbamate spectrophotometric method (ISO 6595:1982)
EN ISO 3696	Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods (ISO 3696 : 1987)
ISO 1689	Sodium and potassium silicates for industrial use - Calculation of the ratio : silicon dioxide/sodium oxide or silicon dioxide/potassium oxide
ISO 1690	Sodium and potassium silicates for industrial use - Determination of silica content - Gravimetric method by insolubilization
ISO 1692	Sodium and potassium silicates for industrial use - Determination of total alkalinity - Titrimetric method
ISO 2997	Phosphoric acid for industrial use - Determination of sulphate content - Method by reduction and titrimetry.
ISO 3165	Sampling of chemical products for industrial use - Safety in sampling
ISO 3360	Phosphoric acid and sodium phosphates for industrial use (including foodstuffs) - Determination of fluorine content - Alizarin complexone and lanthanum nitrate photometric method

- ISO 5666-1 Water quality - Determination of total mercury by flameless atomic absorption spectrometry - Part 1 : method after digestion with permanganate - peroxodisulfate.
- ISO 5961 Water quality - Determination of cadmium by atomic absorption spectrometry
- ISO 6206 Chemical products for industrial use - Sampling - Vocabulary.
- ISO 6332 Water quality - Determination of iron - Spectrometric method using 1,10-phenanthroline - second edition.
- ISO 6703-1 Water quality - Determination of cyanide - Part1 : determination of total cyanide.
- ISO 8213 Chemical products for industrial use - Sampling techniques - Solid chemical products in the form of particles varying from powders to coarse lumps
- ISO 8288 Water quality - Determination of heavy metals - Atomic absorption spectrometric method.
- ISO 9174 Water quality - Determination of total chromium - Atomic absorption spectrometric methods.
- ISO 9965 Water quality - Determination of selenium - Atomic absorption spectrometric method (hydride technique)
- ISO 11885 Water quality - Determination of 33 elements by inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectroscopy

### 3 Description

#### 3.1 Identification

##### 3.1.1 Chemical name

Sodium silicate.

##### 3.1.2 Synonym or common names

Waterglass solution, sodium silicate solution.

##### 3.1.3 Relative molecular mass

Dependent on molecular ratio.

##### 3.1.4 Empirical formula

$\text{Na}_2\text{O} \cdot n \text{SiO}_2$  with  $n$  between 1,5 and 4,0.

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### 3.1.5 Chemical formula

$\text{Na}_2\text{O} \cdot n \text{SiO}_2$  with  $n$  between 1,5 and 4,0.

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

1344-09-8.

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

215-687-4.

## 3.2 Commercial form

Sodium silicate is available as a clear to slightly opalescent colourless liquid, which can be mixed with water in any ratio or as powder respectively granulated material.

## 3.3 Physical properties

### 3.3.1 Appearance iTeh STANDARD PREVIEW (standards.iteh.ai)

- fine, white powder, respectively white granulated material.

- clear to slightly opalescent liquid,  
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### 3.3.2 Density

Solution :

depending on the molecular ratio of  $\text{SiO}_2 : \text{Na}_2\text{O}$  and the concentration. The density at 20 °C can vary from 1,2 g/ml to 1,7 g/ml.

Powder :

depending on the grain size : 300 g/dm<sup>3</sup> to 1000 g/dm<sup>3</sup>.

### 3.3.3 Solubility in water :

Solution :

miscible in any proportions.

Powder :

miscible, maximum solubility : dependent on grade.

<sup>1)</sup> Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number

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

**3.3.4 Vapour pressure**

Not applicable.

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

More than 100 °C and depending on molecular ratio SiO<sub>2</sub> : Na<sub>2</sub>O.

**3.3.6 Melting point**

Solution :

an accurate melting point of a sodium silicate solution can not be measured. By reducing the temperature of the solution the viscosity increases. A precipitate of variable composition will form, depending on the molecular ratio and concentration of the sodium silicate.

Powder :

generally > 800 °C.

**3.3.7 Specific heat** *iTeh STANDARD PREVIEW  
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Not known.

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Solution :

70 mPa. s to 90 000 mPa. s depending on molecular ratio SiO<sub>2</sub> : Na<sub>2</sub>O and concentration.

Powder :

not applicable.

**3.3.9 Critical temperature**

Not applicable.

**3.3.10 Critical pressure**

Not applicable.

**3.3.11 Physical hardness**

Not applicable.

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