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**Kakovost tal - Navodilo za izbiro in vrednotenje bioloških preskusov za ekotoksikološko karakterizacijo tal in talnih materialov (ISO 17616:2019)**

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 17616:2008), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- definitions for “soil use” and “ecosystem service” <sup>[10]</sup> have been added to [Clause 3](#);
- end points of ecotoxicity tests (e.g. mortality, reproduction, growth, genotoxicity, and other functional activities), as well as the overall principles and application of test batteries have been clarified in [Clause 4](#);
- sub-chronic toxicity tests have been added;
- [Figure 1](#) was revised;
- [Tables 1](#) and [2](#) (test batteries for retention and habitat function assessment, respectively) have been revised (test categories, test organisms added/deleted, references updated).

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## Introduction

The characterization of contaminated soils can be based on strategies considering chemical analyses and/or bioassays. ISO 15799 provides guidance on the selection of experimental methods for the assessment of the ecotoxic potential of soils and soil materials (e.g. excavated and remediated soils, refills, embankments) with respect to their intended use or re-use, and possible adverse effects on aquatic and soil dwelling organisms.

An assessment strategy giving instructions for the choice and evaluation of test results is hence proposed. The evaluation of the bioassays outcome is based on empirically-derived critical dilution levels that take into account the sensitivity of the test system and the intended use/re-use of the site under investigation. This approach intends to contribute to an effective and comparable assessment within the ecotoxicological characterization of contaminated soil or soil materials<sup>[1]</sup>. The test systems included in this approach are not mandatory and may be replaced or accomplished by other test methods. Nevertheless, the selected test systems have proved to appropriately characterize contaminated soils and soil materials with respect to their ecotoxic properties<sup>[2],[3]</sup>, both towards aquatic and terrestrial organisms, the latter being responsible for maintaining essential soil functions.

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