
**Water quality — Determination of the
acute toxicity to the freshwater rotifer
*Brachionus calyciflorus***

*Qualité de l'eau — Détermination de la toxicité aigue envers le
rotifère d'eau douce Brachionus calyciflorus*

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Introduction

The evaluation of harmful effects on chemicals and pollutants on the biota in freshwater environments has for several years involved the performance of biological tests.

Rotifers, and especially the species *Brachionus calyciflorus*, are of interest from the ecotoxicological standpoint, because they are often an important component of the zooplankton and serve as prey for small fish and larger invertebrates.

The test specified in this International Standard involves determination of the lethal effects of toxicants to the freshwater rotifer *Brachionus calyciflorus*, after 24 h exposure.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the lethal effects of toxicants to *Brachionus calyciflorus* after 24 h exposure.

The method is applicable to:

- a) chemical substances which are soluble, or which can be maintained as a stable suspension of dispersions under the conditions of the test;
- b) industrial or sewage effluents, treated or untreated, if appropriate after decantation, filtration or centrifugation;
- c) freshwaters;
- d) aqueous extracts.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 5667-16, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 16: Guidance on biotesting of samples*

ISO 5814, *Water quality — Determination of dissolved oxygen — Electrochemical probe method*

ISO/TS 20281, *Water quality — Guidance on statistical interpretation of ecotoxicity data*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

control batch

series of replicates containing control solution

[SOURCE: ISO 6341:2012, definition 3.1]

3.2

LC₅₀

concentration of dilution of the test sample which gives rise to 50 % mortality of the test organisms