
**Ceramic ware, glass ceramic ware
and glass dinnerware in contact
with food — Release of lead and
cadmium —**

**Part 1:
Test method**

*Vaisselle en céramique, vaisselle en vitrocéramique et vaisselle de
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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 6486-1:1999), which has been technically revised. The main changes to the previous edition are as follows:

- technical procedures updated and permissible limits for metal release brought in line with current regulatory limits in major markets and in harmony with as many regional or national standards as is practical.

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Introduction

Release of potentially toxic metals, particularly lead and cadmium, from ceramic and glassware surfaces is an issue which requires effective means of control to ensure the protection of the population against possible hazards arising from the use of improperly formulated and/or processed ceramic, glass-ceramic and glass dinnerware used for the preparation, cooking, serving and storage of food and beverages.

As a secondary consideration, different requirements from country to country for the control of the release of toxic metals from the surfaces of ceramic ware present non-tariff barriers to international trade in these commodities. Accordingly, there is a need to maintain internationally accepted methods of testing ware for the release of potentially toxic metals.

The revision of this document was necessary to take into consideration recent developments in the application of the analytical technique inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS).

The test method is a combination of a leach procedure, which is the core of the document, and of the analytical method.

ICP-MS is the reference analytical method as it is generally considered to be the most accurate analytical method, although other methods have their own merits. Flame atomic absorption is kept as an alternative method. Other validated analytical methods, such as graphite furnace atomic absorption spectrometry (GFAAS) or inductively coupled optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES), may also be used, considering the appropriate accuracy to the level of release of lead and cadmium to be measured.

The limits in ISO 6486-2 are set on the basis of a single extraction into the extraction solution. This document specifies that all repeat-use articles are tested three times with fresh extraction solution and the results of the third test reported for conformity with the permissible limits. It has been demonstrated that metal release into the third extraction is always less than the release into the first extraction. Therefore, data from a third extraction will show false conformity with the limits specified in ISO 6486-2. New limits that are appropriate to third extraction data are currently being agreed.

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