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**Fine bubble technology — Agricultural applications —**

**Part 3:  
Guidelines for the minimum  
viable number concentration of  
ultrafine bubbles for promoting the  
germination of barley seeds**

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## Introduction

The market for technologies using fine bubbles have been rapidly growing in many applications throughout the industrial, domestic and academic sectors. Most notably, the applications of ultrafine bubble (UFB) technology to the agricultural area are drawing very high interest as they are thought to be part of the key technologies improving the productivity and efficiency of agriculture. Consequently, this contributes to the promotion of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in terms of providing sufficient food and maintaining water resources on land, for example.

As part of the strategy for standardizing the agricultural applications of fine bubbles, ISO 23016-2 was published, describing the test method for promoting barley seed germination by application of a UFB water generation system. Although UFB number concentration is closely related to the promotion of barley seed germination, the effects of concentration were not specified in it.

For the practical application of UFB technology to seed germination, it is important to provide data specifying the minimum number concentration of UFB necessary for promoting seed germination. This data provides useful information to users in their selection of an appropriate UFB generation system.

This document describes the collected data indicating the experimental observations between various number concentrations of UFB and their promotion effects on barley seed germination.

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