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- standardized forms of recommended test systems in [Annex A](#) have been amended and updated (e.g. ISO 20130 was included and ISO 7346 was deleted).

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ISO/DIS 15799:2025(en)**Introduction**

Most of the existing ecotoxicological test methods (biotests) that are being internationally harmonized were developed to describe the ecotoxic potential of a test substance when added to a soil/soil material. These methods can be used with some modifications for the ecotoxicological characterization of soils and soil materials with respect to their function depending on the intended use. For substances with properties resulting in toxic effects, biotests are a complement to conventional chemical analysis. Results from chemical analysis can be used for ecotoxicological assessments based on information on the substances identified, including properties of the chemicals, e.g. their bioaccumulation potential. This information is often scarce (if it exists at all) and it does not include possible interactions (synergy/antagonism) between chemicals and the complex soil matrix. Furthermore, an exhaustive identification and quantification of substances is impractical. Therefore, ecotoxicological testing of soils can be used for investigating the potential toxicity of complex chemical mixtures. The extrapolation from laboratory tests to field conditions requires adequate consideration of important environmental factors within the test conditions and the selection of suitable ecotoxicological parameters.

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