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## Foreword

This document (EN 12904:2005) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 164 “Water supply”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by September 2005, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 2005.

This document supersedes EN 12904:1999.

Significant technical differences between this edition and EN 12904:1999 are as follows:

- a) correction of the data on chemical composition in table A.1;
- b) use of the more appropriate terms “silica sand” and “silica gravel” throughout the standard;
- c) deletion of the reference to EU Directive 80/778/EEC of 15 July 1980 in order to take account of the last Directive in force (see[1]).

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### Introduction

In respect of potential adverse effects on the quality of water intended for human consumption, caused by the product covered by this document:

- a) This document provides no information as to whether the product may be used without restriction in any of the Member States of the EU or EFTA;
- b) It should be noted that, while awaiting the adoption of verifiable European criteria, existing national regulations concerning the use and/or the characteristics of this product remain in force.

NOTE Conformity with the document does not confer or imply acceptance or approval of the product in any of the Member States of the EU or EFTA. The use of the product covered by this document is subject to regulation or control by National Authorities.

## 1 Scope

This document is applicable to silica sand and silica gravel used for treatment of water intended for human consumption. It describes the characteristics of silica sand and silica gravel and specifies the requirements and the corresponding test methods for silica sand and silica gravel. It gives information on their use in water treatment.

## 2 Normative references

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

EN 12901:1999, *Products used for treatment of water intended for human consumption - Inorganic supporting and filtering materials – Definitions*.

EN 12902, *Products used for treatment of water intended for human consumption - Inorganic supporting and filtering materials - Methods of test*.

## 3 Terms, definitions and symbols

For the purpose of this document, the terms, definitions and symbols given in EN 12901:1999 apply.

## 4 Description

### 4.1 Identification

#### 4.1.1 Chemical name(s)

Silica, silicon dioxide (SiO<sub>2</sub>).

#### 4.1.2 Synonym or common names

Silica sand and silica gravel.

### 4.2 Commercial forms

Silica sand and silica gravel according to this standard are available in different particle size ranges.

## 5 Physical properties

### 5.1 Appearance

The product is a grey/white, yellow or multicoloured granular material.

The structure is crystalline, with a smooth to rough texture. The particle shape is spherical or angular depending mainly on the origin and manufacturing procedure (quarrying or dredging, or crushing). The shape influences filtration performance, see A.3.

The product shall be generally homogeneous and shall be visibly free of extraneous matter.

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### 5.2 Particle size distribution

The particle size distribution shall be described by either:

- a) effective size: ( $d_{10}$ ), with a maximum deviation of  $\pm 5\%$ ;  
uniformity coefficient: ( $U$ ), shall be less than 1,5;  
minimum size : ( $d_1$ ), with a maximum deviation of  $\pm 5\%$ ;

or:

- b) particle size range and mass fraction of oversize and undersize particles according to application.

The maximum contents of oversize and undersize shall be a mass fraction of 5 % for the application of the product in multi media filters and a mass fraction of 10 % for use in single media filters. For use as a support layer, maximum contents of oversize and undersize of mass fraction of 15 % are acceptable. See A.2.3 for examples of available particle sizes that are used.

NOTE 1 The particle size can decrease during transportation and handling.

NOTE 2 Other values can be necessary for certain applications.

### 5.3 Density

#### 5.3.1 Bulk density loose

The bulk density loose shall be in the range of 1 400 kg/m<sup>3</sup> to 1 700 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

#### 5.3.2 Bulk density packed

The bulk density packed shall be in the range of 1 500 kg/m<sup>3</sup> to 1 900 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

## 6 Chemical properties

This document specifies the minimum purity requirements for silica sand and silica gravel used for the treatment of water intended for human consumption. Limits are given for impurities commonly present in the products. Depending on the raw material and the manufacturing process other impurities may be present and, if so, this shall be notified to the user and when necessary to relevant authorities.

NOTE Users of these products should check the national regulations in order to clarify whether it is of appropriate purity for treatment of water intended for human consumption, taking into account raw water quality, required dosage, contents of other impurities and additives used in the products not stated in this document.

Limits have been given for impurities and chemical parameters where these are likely to be present in significant quantities from the current production process and raw materials. If the production process or raw materials lead to significant quantities of impurities, by-products or additives being present, this shall be notified to the user.

Silica sand and silica gravel shall conform to table 1.