
**Soil quality — Determination of mineral oil
content — Method by infrared
spectrometry and gas chromatographic
method**

*Qualité du sol — Dosage des huiles minérales — Méthode par
spectrométrie à l'infrarouge et méthode par chromatographie en phase
gazeuse*



Foreword

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The following reasons led to the decision to publish this document in the form of a Technical Report of type 2.

Due to the severe impact of chlorofluoro hydrocarbons on the environment, these compounds should not be used for a test method specified in an International Standard. However, at present, no alternative for the extraction agent used in the procedures specified here is available.

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