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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 14332:2004) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 275 "Food analysis - Horizontal methods", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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## EN 14332:2004 (E)

### 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of arsenic in seafood by graphite furnace atomic absorption spectrometry (GFAAS) after microwave digestion [1], [2]. The collaborative study has included food having an arsenic content  $\geq 2$  mg/kg dry matter.

Specific foodstuffs for which European Standards exist are excluded from the scope of this horizontal document. It is the task of the analyst to review if vertical documents exist.

### 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 13804, *Foodstuffs — Determination of trace elements — Performance criteria, general considerations and sample preparation.*

EN 13805, *Foodstuffs — Determination of trace elements — Pressure digestion.*

### 3 Principle

The samples are digested in closed vessels in a microwave oven in a mixture of nitric acid and hydrogen peroxide. The resulting solution is diluted with water, and the arsenic contents are determined by GFAAS using matrix modifiers.

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### 4 Reagents

#### 4.1 General

The concentration of arsenic in the reagents and water shall be low enough not to affect the results of the determination.