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### **Processkemikalier för beredning av dricksvatten – Natriumdisulfit**

**Chemicals used for treatment of water intended for human  
consumption – Sodium disulfite**

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This standard supersedes the Swedish Standard SS-EN 12121:2006, edition 2.

### **Nationell information/National information**

I enlighet med Livsmedelsverkets föreskrifter (SLVFS 2001:30) om dricksvatten, är natriumdisulfit inte tillåten som processkemikalie för beredning av dricksvatten vid dricksvattenanläggningar som omfattas av föreskrifterna.

According to the National Food Agency's ordinance with regulations and general advice on drinking water, SLVFS 2001:30, sodium disulfite is not permitted in Sweden as a process chemical for treatment of water intended for human consumption.

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## Chemicals used for treatment of water intended for human consumption - Sodium disulfite

Produits chimiques utilisés pour le traitement de l'eau destinée à la consommation humaine - Disulfite de sodium

Produkte zur Aufbereitung von Wasser für den menschlichen Gebrauch - Natriumdisulfit

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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 12121:2012) 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by May 2013, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by May 2013.

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The significant technical differences between this edition and EN 12121:2005 are as follows:

- Modification of 6.2 on labelling, deletion of the reference to EU Directive 80/778/EEC of 15 July 1980 in order to take account of the latest Directive in force.

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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 European Standard:

- a) this European Standard 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 this European Standard 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 European Standard is subject to regulation or control by National Authorities.



## 1 Scope

This European Standard is applicable to sodium disulfite used for treatment of water intended for human consumption. It describes the characteristics of sodium disulfite and specifies the requirements and the corresponding test methods for sodium disulfite. It gives information on its use in water treatment. It also determines the rules relating to safe handling and use (see Annex B).

## 2 Normative references

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

EN ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods (ISO 3696)*

ISO 3165, *Sampling of chemical products for industrial use — Safety in sampling*

ISO 3629, *Photography — Processing chemicals — Specifications for potassium metabisulfite*

ISO 5993, *Sodium hydroxide for industrial use — Determination of mercury content — Flameless atomic absorption spectrometric method*

ISO 6206, *Chemical products for industrial use — Sampling — Vocabulary*

ISO 6353-1, *Reagents for chemical analysis — Part 1: General test methods*

ISO 8213, *Chemical products for industrial use — Sampling techniques — Solid chemical products in the form of particles varying from powders to coarse lumps*

ISO 9297, *Water quality — Determination of chloride — Silver nitrate titration with chromate indicator (Mohr's method)*

ISO 22743, *Water quality — Determination of sulfates — Method by continuous flow analysis (CFA)*

## 3 Description

### 3.1 Identification

#### 3.1.1 Chemical name

Sodium disulfite.

#### 3.1.2 Synonym or common names

Sodium metabisulfite, sodium pyrosulfite.

#### 3.1.3 Relative molecular mass

190,10.

#### 3.1.4 Empirical formula

$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$ .

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### 3.1.5 Chemical formula

$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$ .

### 3.1.6 CAS-Registry Number <sup>1)</sup>

7681-57-4.

### 3.1.7 EINECS reference <sup>2)</sup>

231-673-0.

## 3.2 Commercial form

The product is a crystalline powder.

## 3.3 Physical properties

### 3.3.1 Appearance and odour

The product is a white, free-flowing fine crystalline powder with a slight odour of sulfur dioxide.

### 3.3.2 Density

The density of the product is 2,7 g/cm<sup>3</sup> at 20 °C.

The bulk density is approximately 1,3 g/cm<sup>3</sup> at 20 °C.

### 3.3.3 Solubility (in water)

The solubility of the product in water is 540 g/l at 20 °C.

### 3.3.4 Vapour pressure

Not applicable.

### 3.3.5 Boiling point at 100 kPa <sup>3)</sup>

Not applicable.

### 3.3.6 Crystallisation point

The product decomposes above 150 °C.

### 3.3.7 Specific heat

Not known.

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1) Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number.

2) European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.

3) 100 kPa = 1 bar.

### 3.3.8 Viscosity dynamic

Not applicable.

### 3.3.9 Critical temperature

Not applicable.

### 3.3.10 Critical pressure

Not applicable.

### 3.3.11 Physical hardness

Not applicable.

## 3.4 Chemical properties

The solution is weakly acid. The pH value of a saturated aqueous solution of sodium disulfite is between 4,5 and 5,0.

Sodium disulfite dissolves in water forming sodium hydrogen sulfite.

At elevated temperatures (> 150 °C) or on contact with acids sulfur dioxide is generated.

Sodium disulfite reacts violently with oxidising agents; e.g. with sodium hypochlorite or hydrogen peroxide.

## 4 Purity criteria

### 4.1 General

This European Standard specifies the minimum purity requirements for sodium disulfite used for the treatment of water intended for human consumption. Limits are given for impurities commonly present in the product. 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.

Users of this product 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 product standard.

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 leads to significant quantities of impurities, by-products or additives being present, this shall be notified to the user.

### 4.2 Composition of commercial product

The content of sodium disulfite shall not be less than a mass fraction of 95 % ( $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$ ).

The concentration of sodium disulfite shall be within  $\pm 5$  % of the manufacturer's declared value.