
	VINCOTTE – CERTEST PRODUCTS		
	OK Biodegradable WATER : Initial acceptance tests		
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<p><u>Program OK 11</u></p> <p>Bio products – degradation in water</p>			

I. Applicable specifications:

- The European standard EN ISO 14851:2004
Determination of the ultimate aerobic biodegradability of plastic materials in an aqueous medium - Method by measuring the oxygen demand in a closed respirometer (ISO 14851:1999)
- the European standard EN ISO 14852:2004
Determination of the ultimate aerobic biodegradability of plastic materials in an aqueous medium - Method by analysis of evolved carbon dioxide (ISO 14852:1999)

II. Documents to be supplied :

- Description of the product to be certified. This includes:
 - Used constituents
 - If available, fingerprint analyses (e.g. IR or X-ray analyses)
- Identification of the manufacturer and meaning of the codes used
- Manufacturing specification and grounds for refusal
- Available reports, if any

III. Classification:

- None

IV. Examinations and tests: special stipulations:



A) Preliminary examinations

1. Study of the file and preliminary inspection of the state of the material presented.
2. Verification of the clarity of the instructions for use and the storage modalities

B) General test programme

B.1. Biodegradation

Complete materials/products are approved if they fulfill the conditions of the European standard with reference EN ISO 14851:2004 or EN ISO 14852:2004 on biodegradation.

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V. Label and marking

The certified products or, if not possible on the product, the packaging will have to bear the following indications:

- OK Biodegradable WATER conformity mark, as well as a number to identify the holder of the mark
- For products, this logo shall appear at least once on every product or, if not possible, on the packaging (f.e. with liquids)
- Code of the manufacturer in order to be able to identify the batch

VI. Possible extensions on the certification

None.

¹ Cosmetic changes – November 2005