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## ORGANIC SOIL CONDITIONERS — COMPOSTS

### 1 PURPOSE

This standard specifies the physical, chemical and biological characteristics of compost as well as the sampling method and the methods of analysis that shall be used to evaluate these characteristics.

### 2 SCOPE

This standard applies to compost produced from different feedstocks, used as organic soil conditioners, sold or distributed in bags or in bulk.

This document was developed to serve as a reference document for the conformity assessment activities related to specific products.

NOTE — Conformity assessment is defined as the systematic examination of the extent to which a process fulfils specified requirements.

### 3 NORMATIVE REFERENCES

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