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Part 2: Semi-static method

*Qualité de l'eau — Détermination de la toxicité aiguë létale de substances vis-à-vis d'un poisson d'eau douce [*Brachydanio rerio* Hamilton-Buchanan (Téléostei, Cyprinidae)] —*

Partie 2: Méthode semi-statique

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ISO 7346 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Water quality — Determination of the acute lethal toxicity of substances to a freshwater fish* [Brachydanio rerio *Hamilton-Buchanan (Teleostei, Cyprinidae)*]:

- Part 1: *Static method*
- Part 2: *Semi-static method*
- Part 3: *Flow-through method*

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Introduction

The three parts of ISO 7346 describe methods of determining the acute lethal toxicity of substances to the zebra fish (*Brachydanio rerio* Hamilton-Buchanan) but it must be emphasized that the recommended use of the zebra fish does not preclude the use of other species. The methodologies presented here may also be used for other species of freshwater, marine or brackish water fish, with appropriate modifications of, for example, dilution water quality and the temperature conditions of the test.

Within the three parts of ISO 7346, a choice can be made between static, semi-static and flow-through methods. The static test, described in ISO 7346-1, in which the solution is not renewed, has the advantage of requiring simple apparatus, although the substances in the test vessel may become depleted during the course of the test and the general quality of the water may deteriorate. The flow-through method, described in ISO 7346-3, in which the test solution is replenished continuously, overcomes such problems but requires the use of more complex apparatus. In the semi-static procedure, described in this part of ISO 7346, the test solutions are renewed every 24 h or 48 h, this method being a compromise between the other two.

The flow-through method can be used for most types of substances, including those unstable in water, but the concentrations of the test substance are determined wherever possible. The static method is limited to the study of substances whose tested concentrations remain relatively constant during the test period. The semi-static method can be used for testing those substances whose concentrations can be maintained satisfactorily throughout the test by renewal of the solutions every 24 h or 48 h. Special arrangements may be necessary for substances which are highly volatile.

To assist in the preparation and maintenance of concentrations of substances which may be lethal at concentrations close to that of their aqueous solubility, a small volume of solvent may be used, as specified in the methods.