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## National Foreword

This Singapore Standard was prepared by the Working Group on Water Quality set up by the Technical Committee on Water under the purview of the Environment and Resources Standards Committee.

This standard is a confirmation of SS 375: Part 2:6: 2015. It is an identical adoption of BS 6920-2.6:2000 +A2:2014, "Suitability of non-metallic products for use in contact with water intended for human consumption with regard to their effect on the quality of the water – Part 2:6: Methods of test – The extraction of metals", published by the British Standards Institution. It incorporates Amendment No.1, denoted by  $\boxed{A1}$  and  $\langle A1 \rangle$ .

The following editorial changes were made:

<u>Clauses/Subclauses</u>	<u>Modification</u>
Clause 1 – NOTE 3;	<i>Deleted the reference to UK regulations [4] to [10]</i>
Bibliography – Other publications	<i>Explanation: These regulations are not applicable to Singapore.</i>

Wherever appropriate, the words 'British Standard' have been replaced by 'Singapore Standard'. The references to BS 6920 series have been replaced by the following Singapore Standards:

BS 6920 Series	Corresponding Singapore Standard
BS 6920	SS 375
BS 6920-1: 2014	SS 375: Part 1: 2015
BS 6920-2	SS 375: Part 2
BS 6920-2.1: 2014	SS 375: Part 2:1: 2015
BS 6920-2.6	SS 375: Part 2:6
BS 6920-3	SS 375: Part 3

NOTE 1 – Where appropriate, the words "British Standard" are read as "Singapore Standard".

NOTE 2 – Reference to International/Overseas Standards are replaced by applicable Singapore Standards or Technical References.

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## **Foreword**

### **Publishing information**

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### **Supersession**

BS 6920-2.6:2000 + A2:2014 supersedes BS 6920-2.6:2000, Incorporating Amendment No.1, which is withdrawn.

### **Relationship with other publications**

BS 6920 is published in several parts, namely *Part 1: Specification, Part 2: Methods of test, Part 3: High temperature tests* and *Part 4: Method for the GCMS identification of water leachable organic substances*.

Part 2 is further subdivided into a number of sections and subsections as follows.

*Section 2.1: Samples for testing;*

*Section 2.2: Odour and flavor of water;*

*Subsection 2.2.1: General method of test;*

*Subsection 2.2.2: Method of testing odours and flavours imparted to water by multi-layered hoses and pipes;*

*Subsection 2.2.3: Method of testing odours and flavours imparted to water by hoses for conveying water for food and drink preparation;*

*Section 2.3: Appearance of water;*

*Section 2.4: Growth of aquatic microorganisms test;*

*Section 2.5: The extraction of substances that may be of concern to public health;*

*Section 2.6: The extraction of metals.*

### **Information about this document**

This edition introduces technical changes but it does not reflect a full review or revision of the standard.

### **Hazard warnings**

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This publication does not purport to include all the necessary provisions of a contract. Users are responsible for its correct application.

**Compliance with a British Standard cannot confer immunity from legal obligations.**

## **Introduction**

In the development of this test, much consideration was given to the composition of the water used to extract the metals. The composition and character of water intended for human consumption varies widely from region to region and there can be considerable changes according to season. No evidence was found to show that any particular water was more effective than distilled or deionized water in the leaching of metals from organic materials. It was therefore decided that distilled or deionized water was the most convenient for the wide range of products to be tested.

Subsequent experience has shown that the selected test water (4.1) was too aggressive to use with cementitious materials and a suitable test water, based upon the outcome of European research into leaching tests on cementitious materials, is included in this standard (4.4).

# Suitability of non-metallic <sup>A1</sup> materials <sup>A1</sup> and products for use in contact with water intended for human consumption with regard to their effect on the quality of the water – Part 2:6: Methods of test – The extraction of metals

## 1 Scope

This section of SS 375 specifies the test procedure for assessing the leachability of metals from non-metallic products when used in contact with water intended for human consumption.

NOTE 1 - In view of the type of product tested and the amounts of additives present, a limiting level of solubility in the extract water (saturation) is unlikely to be attained.

NOTE 2 - The limit of detection and sensitivity of the method vary according to the particular metal being analysed (see Clause 8).

NOTE 3 - The National Regulator may specify additional provisions in some cases and will assess the significance of the results obtained.

## 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this section of SS 375. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications do not apply. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

BS 6068-2, *Water quality – Part 2 : Physical, chemical and biochemical methods.*

SS 375 : Part 1 : 2015, *Suitability of non-metallic <sup>A1</sup> materials <sup>A1</sup> and products for use in contact with water intended for human consumption with regard to their effect on the quality of water – Part 1: Specification.*

SS 375 : Part 2:1 : 2015 *Suitability of non-metallic <sup>A1</sup> materials <sup>A1</sup> and products for use in contact with water intended for human consumption with regard to their effect on the quality of the water – Part 2:1: Methods of test – Samples for testing.*

<sup>A1</sup> ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use – Specification and test methods.*<sup>A1</sup>

<sup>A1</sup> ISO 10523, *Water quality – Determination of pH.*<sup>A1</sup>