

National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology

National Metrology Institute of Japan



Reference Material Certificate

NMIJ CRM 7601-a
No. +++

Seawater for Nutrients - Extremely Low Concentration

This certified reference material (CRM) is produced in accordance with the NMIJ's management system and is in compliance with ISO 17034 and ISO/IEC 17025. This CRM is intended for use in controlling the precision of analysis and for confirming the validity of analytical methods and instruments during analysis of nutrients in seawater.

Certified Value

The certified value of this CRM is given in the table below. The uncertainty of the certified value is the expanded uncertainty obtained by multiplying the combined standard uncertainty by a coverage factor (k) of 2, and it is the half-width of an interval estimated to have a level of confidence of approximately 95 %.

Substance	Certified value, * Mass fraction (mg/kg)	Expanded uncertainty, * Mass fraction (mg/kg)
Dissolved silica	0.036	0.004

* The certified value for dissolved silica is expressed as the mass fraction of silicon.

Analysis

The certified value of this CRM was arithmetic mean of the results of the following analytical methods:

- 1) Colorimetric method (continuous flow mode and batch one)
- 2) Ion exclusion chromatography/isotope dilution-inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry
- 3) Ion exclusion chromatography with post-column detection

Metrological Traceability

The certified value was determined by more than one method with using NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) SRM 3150 of a silicon standard solution. The certified value, therefore, is traceable to the International System of Units (SI).

Expiration of Certification

This certificate is valid for one year from the date of shipment, provided that this CRM remains unopened and is stored in accordance with the instructions given in this certificate.

Description of the material

This CRM is seawater collected from the surface layer in the Pacific Ocean. This CRM is in the form of a colorless and transparent liquid at ordinary temperature, and *ca.* 90 mL is kept in a polypropylene bottle. The bottle is sealed in an aluminum-laminated plastic bag.

Instructions for Storage

This CRM should be kept in the polypropylene bottle sealed in the aluminum-laminated plastic bag. This CRM should be stored in a clean place at temperatures of 5 °C to 30 °C and protected from light.

Instructions for Use

The bottle should be allowed to warm to room temperature before opening. Prior to use, the bottle should be shaken thoroughly but gently at room temperature. This CRM is for laboratory use only.

Precautions for Handling

Refer to the safety data sheet (SDS) on this CRM before use.

Preparation

The raw material seawater of this CRM was collected from the surface layer in the Pacific Ocean with the cooperation of the Meteorological Research Institute, Japan Meteorological Agency (MRI) and the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC). The seawater was sterilized in an autoclave of stainless steel, followed by subdividing in polypropylene bottles and sealing by the aluminum-laminated plastic bags in a clean room. This bottling process was carried out with cooperation of the General Environmental Technos Co., Ltd. (current: KANSO Co., Ltd.).

Technical Information

The value 1.023 g/cm^3 (25 °C) can be used as the density of the seawater for the purpose of air-buoyancy correction. This CRM contains a silicon compound which cannot be detected by the colorimetric method using the molybdenum blue method or the molybdenum yellow method, but can be separated and detected by ion exclusion chromatography-inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry. This CRM contains nitrate ions (0.0013 mg/kg), nitrite ions (0.0016 mg/kg) and phosphate ions (0.002 mg/kg), which were determined with the NMIJ primary standard solutions of nitrate ions, nitrite ions and phosphate ions. Concentrations of these ions in this CRM were measured by colorimetric method (continuous flow mode) at August 2016.

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Information

If substantive technical changes occur that affect the certification before the expiration of this certificate, NMIJ will notify the registered customer. Customer registration on the NMIJ Website (given below) will facilitate notification. Technical reports regarding this CRM can be obtained from the contact details given below.

Reproduction of Certificate

In reproducing this certificate, it should be clearly indicated that the document is a copy.

April 1, 2020

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Revision history

April 1, 2015: "Metrology Management Center" was renamed to "Center for Quality Management of Metrology."

September 6, 2016: The description in "Expiration of Certification" was changed to "one year from the date of shipment."

Certified value of dissolved silica was revised.

Indicative values of nitrate ions, nitrite ions and phosphate ions were changed to information.

August 24, 2018: "Information" the standard solutions used for determination of nitrate ions, nitrite ions and phosphate ions were described.

January 21, 2021: "Sample Form" was changed to "Description of the material" and collection site of the seawater was added.

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