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Introduction

The market for technologies using fine bubbles have been rapidly growing in many applications throughout the industrial, domestic and academic sectors. Most notably, the applications of ultrafine bubble (UFB) technology to the agricultural area are drawing very high interest as they are thought to be part of the key technologies improving the productivity and efficiency of agriculture. Consequently, this contributes to the promotion of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in terms of providing sufficient food and maintaining water resources on land, for example.

As part of the strategy for standardizing the agricultural applications of fine bubbles, ISO 23016-2 was published, describing the test method for promoting barley seed germination by application of a UFB water generation system. Although UFB number concentration is closely related to the promotion of barley seed germination, the effects of concentration were not specified in it.

For the practical application of UFB technology to seed germination, it is important to provide data specifying the minimum number concentration of UFB necessary for promoting seed germination. This data provides useful information to users in their selection of an appropriate UFB generation system.

This document describes the collected data indicating the experimental observations between various number concentrations of UFB and their promotion effects on barley seed germination.

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1 Scope

This document demonstrates guidelines for promoting the germination of barley seeds with a lower number concentration of ultrafine bubbles (UFB). This is achieved by taking the data concerning the germination ratio of barley seeds conforming to ISO 23016-2 as a starting point and then evaluating the minimum number concentration range of ultrafine bubble water necessary for promoting the effect on germination of barely seeds by changing germination time.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 23016-2, *Fine bubble technology — Agricultural applications — Part 2: Test method for evaluating the promotion of the germination of barley seeds*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 23016-2 and the following apply.

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
median germination period
T_{50}
time where the inferred germination ratio marks 50 % of the maximum germination ratio

Note 1 to entry: See Reference [1].

3.2
storage period
time length when barley seeds are stored under 20 °C

3.3
dormancy
failure of an intact viable seed to complete germination under favourable conditions

Note 1 to entry: The related term 'dormancy breaking' describes the breaking of dormancy. See Reference [2].

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