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A list of all parts in the ISO 18400 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

This document is one of a group of International Standards intended to be used in conjunction with each other where necessary. It deals with various aspects of sampling for the purposes of soil investigation including agricultural, forestry, and contamination investigations, but is not applicable to investigations for geotechnical purposes. These are dealt with in the ISO 22475 series.

ISO 22475-1 specifies the technical principles for the execution of sampling and groundwater measurements for geotechnical purposes. It describes and provides guidance on the application of many of the sampling techniques included in this document albeit in a different context. Many contractors engaged to carry out work in connection with environmental studies will be familiar with its often prescriptive requirements. It includes detailed design information for some equipment. It is to be noted that the nomenclature used in this document may differ in places from that used in ISO 22475-1 because of the different contexts and traditions in the fields of geotechnical and geo-environmental investigation.

General principles to be applied in the design of sampling programmes for the purpose of characterization of soil and identification of sources and effects of contamination of soil and related material are given in ISO 18400-104¹⁾. ISO 18400-104¹⁾ provides information about where to sample, the tests to be conducted, the type of sample, the depth of sampling and the required representativeness of the sampling system for sampling in respect of specific purposes.

This document is part of a series on sampling standards for soil. The role/position of the International Standards within the total investigation programme is shown in [Figure 1](#).

1) Under preparation.

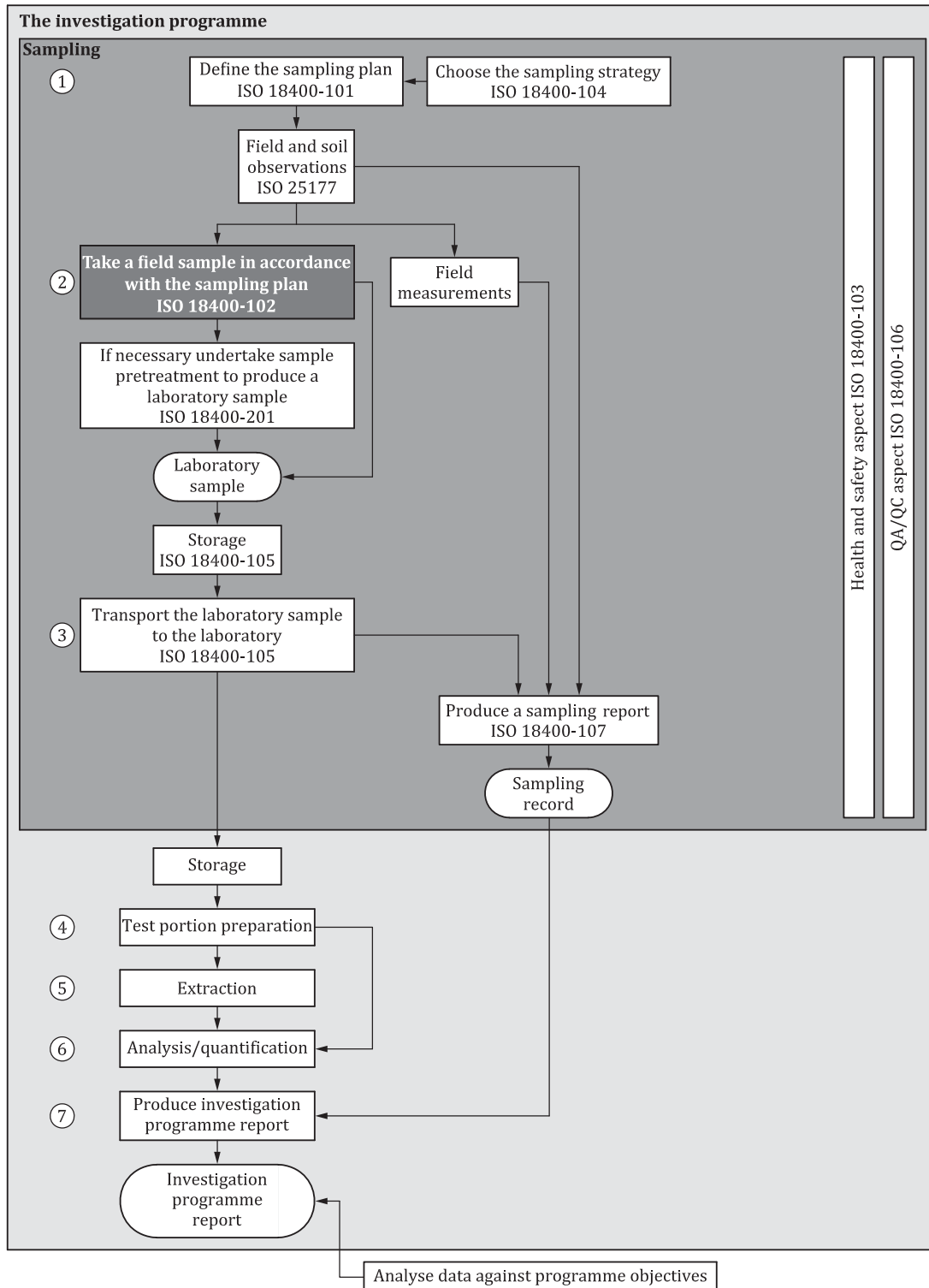


Figure 1 — Links between the essential elements of an investigation programme

NOTE 1 The numbers in circles in [Figure 1](#) define the key elements (1 to 7) of the investigation programme.

NOTE 2 [Figure 1](#) displays a generic process which can be amended when necessary.

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Part 102: Selection and application of sampling techniques

1 Scope

This document gives guidelines for techniques for taking samples so that these can subsequently be examined for the purpose of providing information on soil quality. It gives information on equipment that is typically applicable in particular sampling situations to enable correct sampling procedures to be carried out and representative samples to be collected. Guidance is given on the selection of the equipment and the techniques to use to enable both disturbed and undisturbed samples to be correctly taken at different depths.

This document does not cover:

- investigations for geotechnical purposes, though where redevelopment of a site is envisaged, the soil quality investigation and the geotechnical investigation may sometimes be beneficially combined;
- sampling of hard strata such as bedrock;
- methods for the collection of information on soil quality without taking samples such as geophysical methods;
- collection of water samples (these are to be collected in accordance with appropriate International Standards on ground or surface water sampling; for further information, see the ISO 5667 series);
- investigations of soil gas about which guidance is provided in ISO 18400-204;
- investigation of radioactively contaminated sites.

NOTE 1 “Sampling technique” is defined in ISO 11074.

NOTE 2 Guidance on the investigation and assessment of radioactivity in soils is provided in the ISO 18589 series.

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 3551-1, *Rotary core diamond drilling equipment — System A — Part 1: Metric units*

ISO 3552-1, *Rotary core diamond drilling equipment — System B — Part 1: Metric units*

ISO 10097-1, *Wireline diamond core drilling equipment — System A — Part 1: Metric units*

ISO 11074, *Soil quality — Vocabulary*

ISO 18400-101, *Soil quality — Sampling — Part 101: Framework for the preparation and application of a sampling plan*

ISO 18400-103, *Soil quality — Sampling — Part 103: Safety*