UPDATE MASL-2/2

Aerobic biodegradation test under controlled composting conditions (28°C)

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Dear Lucia Kurcz,

Please find herewith a new update of the aerobic biodegradation test under controlled composting conditions at ambient temperature (28°C) MASL-2/2 on test item Nonoilen X3000-2 with results up to 180 days. Test material Nonoilen X3000-1 was stopped after 120 days.

Table 1 shows the TOC (total organic carbon content), net CO_2 production and the biodegradation percentage of reference and test items. An overview of the evolution of the biodegradation percentage of the different materials is given in Figure 1, while Figure 2 and Figure 3 show the biodegradation of the replicates of reference and test item.

After 180 days reference item cellulose has reached a biodegradation percentage of 94.5%. The biodegradation of test item Nonoilen X3000-2 proceeded further and, until now, an absolute biodegradation of 94.5% has been measured. On a relative basis, compared to suitable reference item cellulose, a biodegradation of 100.0% has been calculated. As such the 90% biodegradation requirement has been reached and the test can be stopped.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you agree to stop the test.

Best regards,

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Table 1. TOC, net CO_2 production and biodegradation after 180 days

Test series	TOC (%)	Net CO_2 production (mg/g test item)	Biodegradation (%)		
			AVG	SD	REL
Cellulose	42.4	1469	94.5	0.5	100.0
Nonoilen X3000-2	55.8	1933	94.5	1.0	100.0

With AVG = average, SD = standard deviation, REL = relative biodegradation

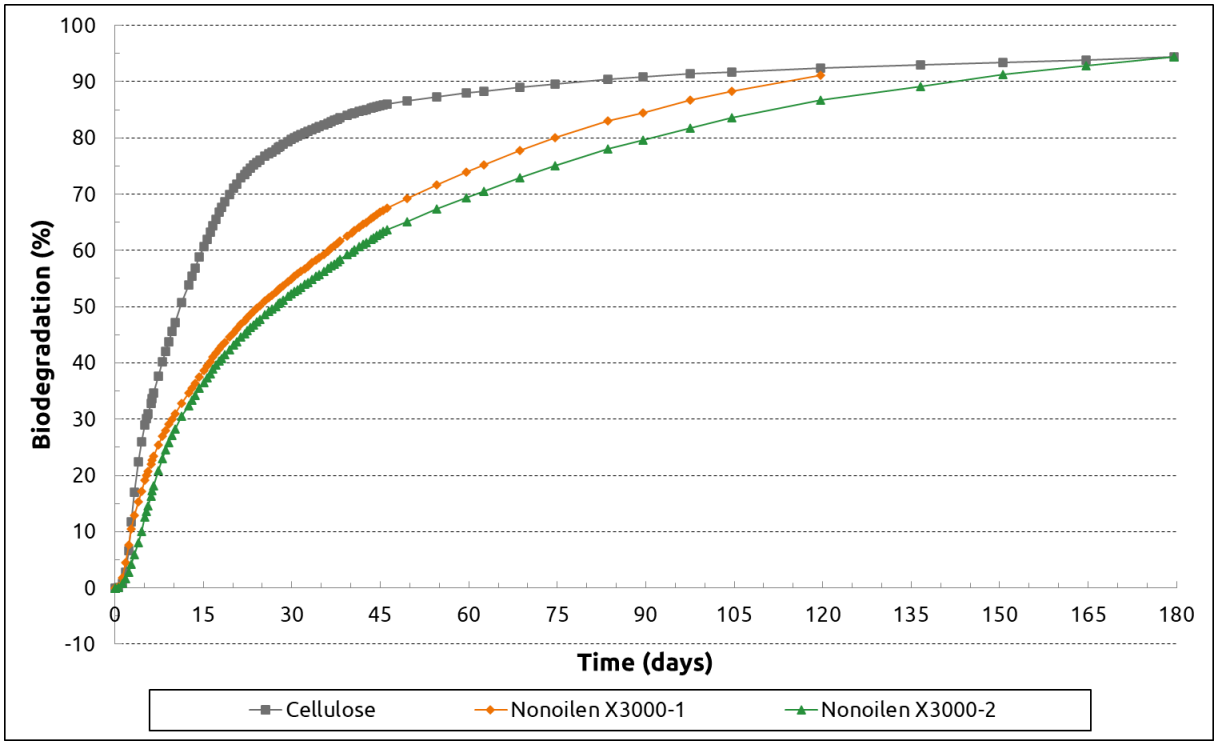

Figure 1. Evolution of the average biodegradation percentages of reference and test items

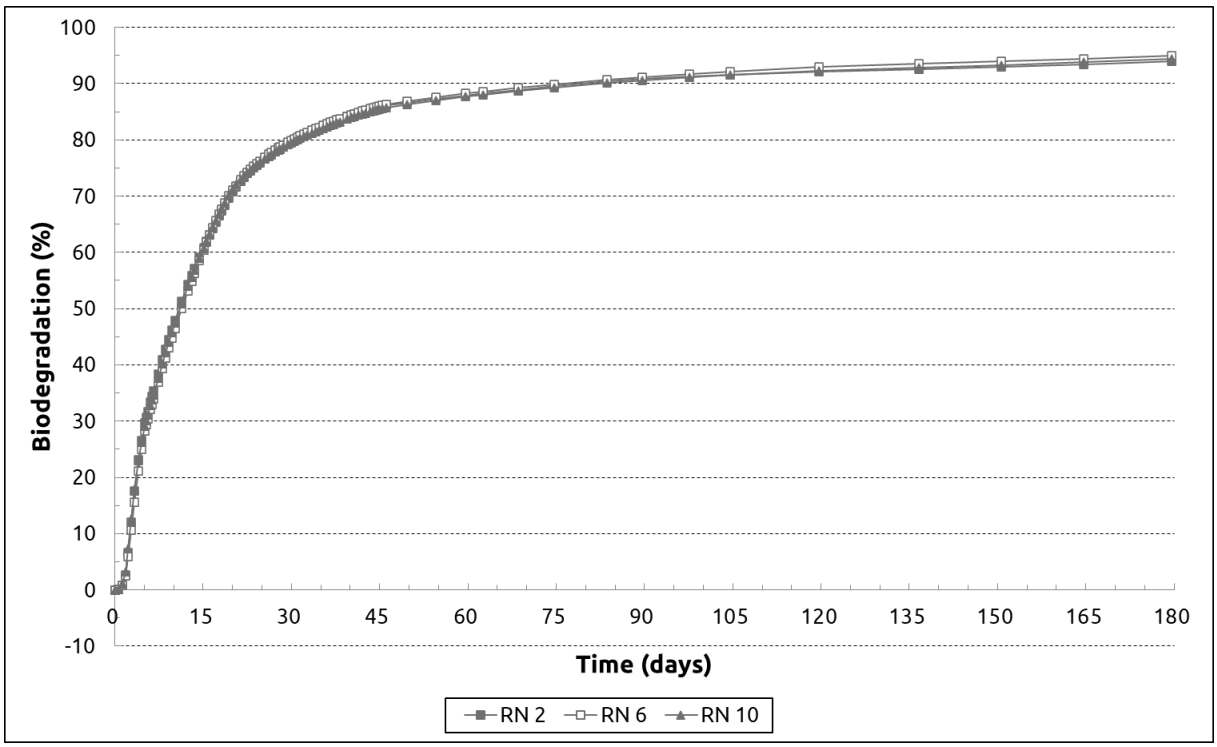

Figure 2. Evolution of biodegradation of replicates of cellulose

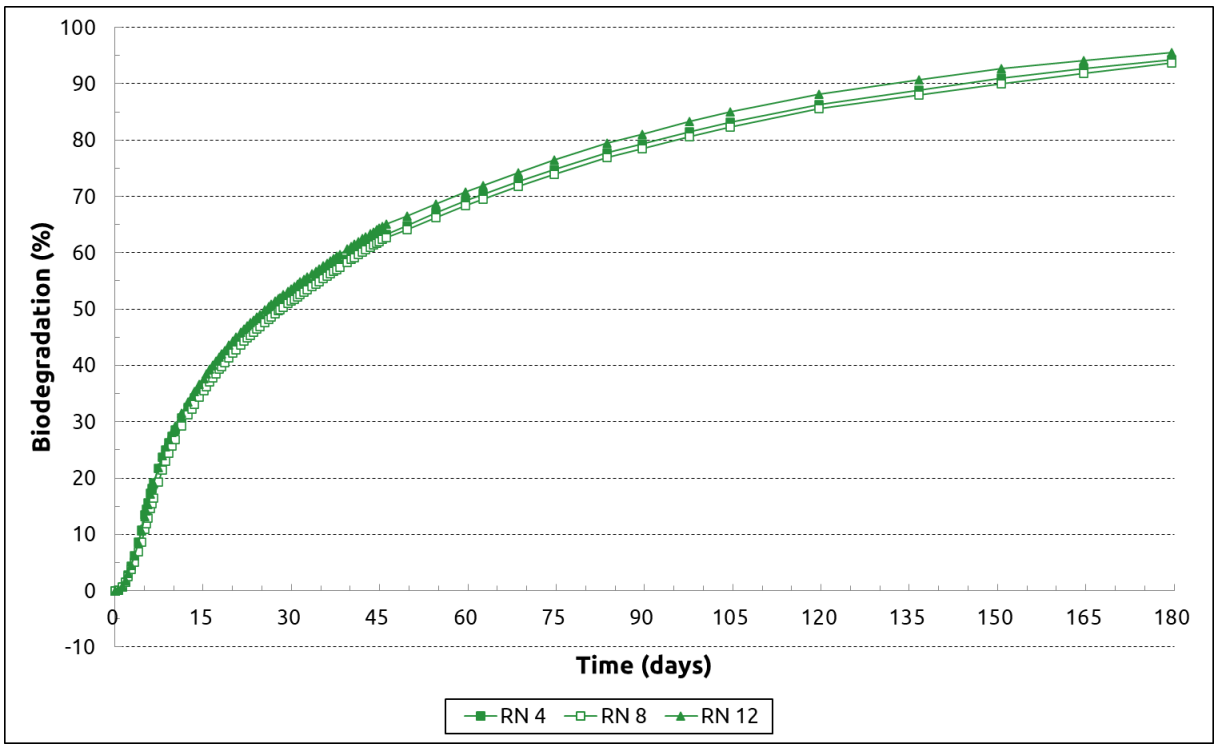

Figure 3. Evolution of biodegradation of replicates of Nonoilen X3000-2