

## Eurofins Melbourne Laboratory is now NATA accredited for Organotins

### Analysis of Monobutyltin; Dibutyltin; Tributyltin (TBT); Tributyltin oxide (TBTO) in environmental samples

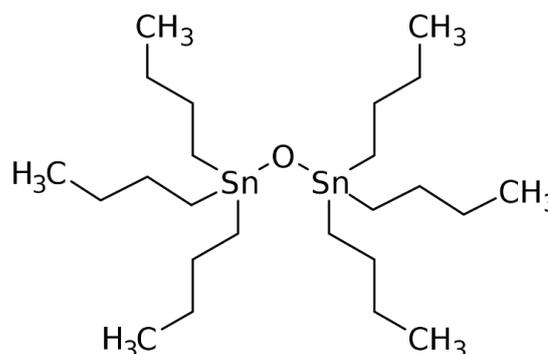
Eurofins Environment Testing Melbourne laboratory is [NATA accredited](#) for organotins using an innovative technique of liquid chromatography combined with inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (LC-ICP-MS).

Eurofins is the first laboratory to be accredited by NATA using LC-ICP-MS that offers a number of advantages over traditional methodologies that involve derivatisation before analysis thus eliminating potential sources of uncertainty in the final result that can reduce analysis time significantly without compromising the quality or the detection limits. Matrices accredited are Biosolids; Ground waters; Leachates; Saline waters; Sediments; Soils; Surface waters; Waste waters and Waters for potable and domestic purposes.



Eurofins Environment Testing is able to report levels of tributyltin as tin or as tributyltin or as tributyltin oxide (TBTO) as this is required by the Victorian EPA's [1828.2: Waste disposal categories – characteristics and thresholds](#). TBTO (CAS 56-35-9) has the structure  $\text{Bu}_3\text{Sn-O-SnBu}_3$ , formula  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{54}\text{OSn}_2$  and molecular weight 596.1. Individual tributyltin compounds cannot be identified separately in the environment however free tributyltin is measured and its values are converted stoichiometrically into tributyltin oxide for comparison with these regulatory limits.

Other decree values such as the Australia & New Zealand *Guidelines for Fresh & Marine Water Quality* set their default guideline values with respect to the tin content viz tributyltin as Sn so it is important to get the correct results reported to meet these regulatory requirements. The structure of TBTO is shown below noting that there are actually two tin atoms in the molecule.



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### Logistics

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