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Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Determination of conventional mass per volume ("litre weight in air")

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of conventional mass per volume ("litre weight in air") of animal and vegetable fats and oils, hereinafter referred to as fats, in order to convert volume to mass or mass to volume.

The procedure is applicable only to fats in a liquid state.

The temperature of determination applied for any fat should be such that the fat does not deposit crystals at that temperature.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 661:1989, *Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Preparation of test sample.*

ISO 3507:1976, *Pyknometers.*

3 Definition

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definition applies.

3.1 conventional mass per volume ("litre weight in air"): Ratio of the mass (of a fat) to (its) volume, at a given temperature, in air.

It is expressed in grams per millilitre or kilograms per litre.

4 Principle

Measurement of the mass, at a specified temperature, of a volume of liquid fat in a calibrated pyknometer.

5 Apparatus

Usual laboratory apparatus and, in particular, the following.

5.1 Water bath, capable of being maintained within 0,1 °C of the temperature chosen for the determination, with a calibrated thermometer, graduated in divisions of 0,1 °C covering the relevant temperature range.

5.2 Pyknometer (Jaulmes), with side-arm of capacity 50 ml, fitted by means of conical joints with a calibrated thermometer graduated in divisions of 0,1 °C and with a cap perforated at the top for the side-arm (see figure 1).

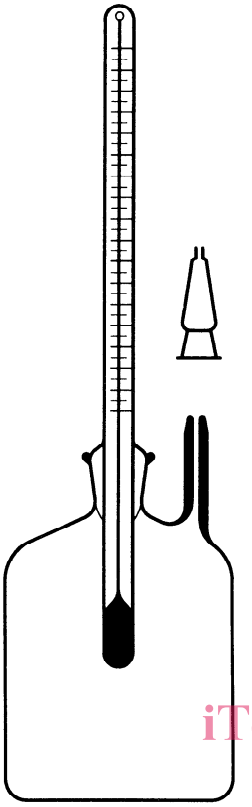

Figure 1 — Jaulmes pyknometer

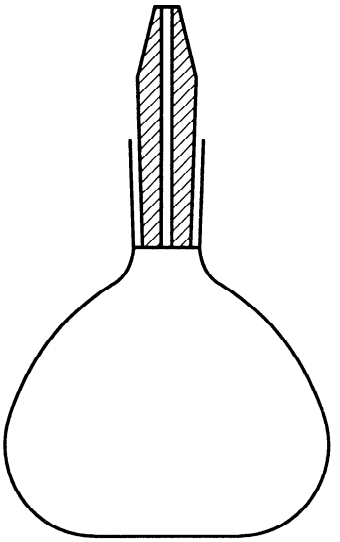

Figure 2 — Gay-Lussac pyknometer

The pyknometer should preferably be made of borosilicate glass, but if this is not available then one made of soda glass may be used.

NOTE 1 The cap is only essential if the determination is carried out at a temperature below ambient.

Alternatively, the type 3 (Gay-Lussac) pyknometer (see figure 2) specified in ISO 3507 may be used; however, the use of a pyknometer with thermometer is preferred.

6 Sampling

It is important that the laboratory receive a sample which is truly representative and has not been damaged or changed during transport or storage.

Sampling is not part of the method specified in this International Standard. A recommended sampling method is given in ISO 5555.

7 Preparation of test sample

Prepare the test sample in accordance with ISO 661, but do not filter or dry it.

Take care not to include air bubbles in the fat.

8 Procedure

8.1 Calibration of pyknometer

Calibrate the pyknometer (5.2) at least once a year, and at least in duplicate, by the procedure described. Calibrate a pyknometer made of soda glass at least once every 3 months, at least in duplicate.

NOTE 2 The calibration procedure described is used to determine the volume of the pyknometer when filled with water at the temperature θ_c.

8.1.1 Calibrate the pyknometer at the following temperatures:

a) at 40 °C if the mean coefficient of cubic expansion (γ) of the pyknometer glass is known;

b) at 20 °C and 60 °C if γ is not known.

8.1.2 Clean and thoroughly dry the pyknometer.

Weigh, to the nearest 0,1 mg, the empty pyknometer with the thermometer and cap or with the stopper (m_1).

Bring recently distilled water or water of equivalent purity, free from air, to a temperature approximately 5 °C below the temperature of the water bath. Remove the thermometer and cap or the stopper and fill the pyknometer with the prepared water. Replace the thermometer or stopper. Take care not to include air bubbles during these operations. Place the filled pyknometer in the water bath immersed up to the middle of its conical socket until the contents have reached a stable temperature (which takes about 1 h). Allow the water to overflow from the side-arm or stopper outlet. Record the temperature, θ_c, of the pyknometer contents to the nearest 0,1 °C. Carefully remove any water that has overflowed from the top and side of the side-arm or stopper. Place the cap on the side-arm. Remove the pyknometer from the water bath, wiping it thoroughly with fluff-free material until dry. Allow its temperature to reach ambient.

Weigh the full pyknometer with the thermometer and cap, or with the stopper, to the nearest 0,1 mg (m_2).

If the value of γ for the pyknometer glass is not known, adjust the water bath to the desired second calibration temperature and repeat the calibration procedure.

8.2 Determination

For a temperature of determination below ambient temperature, use a Jaulmes pyknometer.

Clean and thoroughly dry the pyknometer. Weigh, to the nearest 0,1 mg, the empty pyknometer with the thermometer and cap or with the stopper.

Adjust the water bath (5.1) to a temperature which does not vary by more than 1 °C from the temperature required for the determination (i.e. the temperature at the moment of sampling of the fat).

8.2.1 Using the Jaulmes pyknometer, weigh, to the nearest 0,1 mg, the empty pyknometer with the thermometer and cap.

Remove the cap from the side-arm and replace it by a short piece of flexible plastics tubing (3 cm to 5 cm) to form a watertight joint. Fill the pyknometer with the test sample and replace the thermometer, taking care not to include air bubbles.

NOTE 3 Some of the sample rises into the plastics tube and is then able to expand or contract, as appropriate.

Immerse the filled pyknometer, up to the middle of its conical socket, for 2 h in the water bath (5.1) maintained at the temperature chosen for the determination, to allow the contents to reach this temperature. Remove the filled plastics tube with thumb and forefinger and wipe dry the surplus sample from the outlet. Replace the cap. Record the temperature, θ_x, of the pyknometer to the nearest 0,1 °C.

Remove the pyknometer from the water bath, wiping it carefully with fluff-free material until dry. Allow its temperature to reach ambient then weigh, to the nearest 0,1 mg, the full pyknometer with the thermometer and cap (m_3).

8.2.2 Using the Gay-Lussac pyknometer, weigh, to the nearest 0,1 mg, the empty pyknometer with the stopper.

Fill the pyknometer with the test sample (clause 7) and replace the stopper, taking care not to include air bubbles. Immerse the filled pyknometer, up to the middle of its conical socket, for 2 h in the water bath (5.1) maintained at the temperature chosen for the determination, to allow the contents to reach this temperature.

Allow the sample to overflow and wipe dry the surplus from the outlet. Record the temperature, θ_x, of the pyknometer to the nearest 0,1 °C.

Remove the pyknometer from the water bath, wiping it carefully with fluff-free material until dry. Allow its temperature to reach ambient.

Weigh, to the nearest 0,1 mg, the full pyknometer with stopper (m_3).

8.2.3 For fats which are solid at ambient temperature, melt the test sample (clause 7) at a temperature approximately 10 °C above its melting point. Stir until all crystals are seen to be dissolved. Follow the procedure in 8.2, allowing the full pyknometer to cool before weighing it.

9 Expression of results

9.1 Calculation of the volume of the pyknometer

Calculate the volume of the pyknometer at the calibration temperature, θ_c, by the equation:

$$V_c = \frac{m_2 - m_1}{\rho_w}$$

where

V_c is the volume of the pyknometer at calibration temperature θ_c, in cubic centimetres;

m_2 is the mass of the pyknometer filled with water, including thermometer and cap or stopper, in grams;

m_1 is the mass of the empty pyknometer with thermometer and cap or with stopper, in grams;

ρ_w is the conventional mass per volume of water at calibration temperature θ_c, in grams per cubic centimetre (deduce ρ_w from table 1, if necessary by interpolation).

If the mean coefficient of cubic expansion (γ) of the pyknometer glass is not known, calculate γ from the calibration results at 20 °C and 60 °C by the equation:

$$\gamma = \frac{V_{c2} - V_{c1}}{V_{c1}(\theta_2 - \theta_1)}$$

where

γ is the mean coefficient of cubic expansion of the pyknometer glass, in degrees Celsius to the power minus one;

V_{c2} is the volume of the pyknometer at calibration temperature θ_2, in cubic centimetres;

V_{c1} is the volume of the pyknometer at calibration temperature θ_1, in cubic centimetres;

θ_2 is the temperature close to 60 °C at which the pyknometer was calibrated, in degrees Celsius;

Table 1 — Conventional mass per volume ("litre weight in air") of water at temperatures from 15 °C to 65 °C

Temperature θ	"Litre weight in air" ρ_w	Temperature θ	"Litre weight in air" ρ_w	Temperature θ	"Litre weight in air" ρ_w
°C	g/ml	°C	g/ml	°C	g/ml
15	0,998 05	35	0,992 98	55	0,984 65
16	0,997 89	36	0,992 64	56	0,984 16
17	0,997 72	37	0,992 28	57	0,983 67
18	0,997 54	38	0,991 92	58	0,983 17
19	0,997 35	39	0,991 55	59	0,982 67
20	0,997 15	40	0,991 17	60	0,982 17
21	0,996 94	41	0,990 79	61	0,981 65
22	0,996 72	42	0,990 39	62	0,981 13
23	0,996 49	43	0,989 99	63	0,980 60
24	0,996 24	44	0,989 58	64	0,980 06
25	0,995 99	45	0,989 17	65	0,979 52
26	0,995 73	46	0,988 74		
27	0,995 46	47	0,988 32		
28	0,995 18	48	0,987 88		
29	0,994 90	49	0,987 44		
30	0,994 60	50	0,986 99		
31	0,994 29	51	0,986 54		
32	0,993 98	52	0,986 07		
33	0,993 65	53	0,985 61		
34	0,993 32	54	0,985 13		

θ_1 is the temperature close to 20 °C at which the pyknometer was calibrated, in degrees Celsius.

NOTE 4 The mean coefficient of cubic expansion of glass depends on the composition of the glass, for example:

borosilicate glass D 50: $\gamma \approx 10 \times 10^{-6}$ °C^{-1}

borosilicate glass G 20: $\gamma \approx 15 \times 10^{-6}$ °C^{-1}

soda glass: $\gamma \approx (25$ to $30) \times 10^{-6}$ °C^{-1}.

Calculate the volume of the pyknometer at a temperature θ_x by the equation:

$$V_x = V_c[1 + \gamma(\theta_x - \theta_c)]$$

where

V_x is the volume of the pyknometer at a temperature θ_x, in cubic centimetres;

V_c is the volume of the pyknometer at calibration temperature θ_c, in cubic centimetres;

γ is the mean coefficient of cubic expansion of the pyknometer glass, in degrees Celsius to the power minus one;

θ_x is the temperature at which one wants to know the volume of the pyknometer, in degrees Celsius;

θ_c is the temperature (or one of the temperatures) at which the pyknometer was calibrated, in degrees Celsius.

9.2 Calculation of the conventional mass per volume

Calculate the conventional mass per volume of the test sample, ρ_θ, in grams per cubic centimetre, at the specified or required temperature by the equation:

$$\rho_\theta = \frac{m_3 - m_1}{V_d} + k(\theta_d - \theta)$$

where

m_1 is the mass of the empty pyknometer with thermometer and cap or with stopper, in grams;

m_3 is the mass of the pyknometer filled with test sample, including thermometer and cap or stopper, in grams;

V_d is the volume of the pyknometer at temperature θ_d, in cubic centimetres;

θ_d is the temperature at which the determination was performed, in degrees Celsius;

θ is the temperature at which the conventional mass per volume is to be established, in degrees Celsius;

k is the mean change in the conventional mass per volume of fats due to temperature change, in grams per cubic centimetre degree Celsius $\left(k = 0{,}000\ 68\ \text{g/cm}^3\cdot°\text{C}\right)$.

NOTE 5 The value for k of 0,000 68 g/cm^3·°C is an approximate mean value for fats. If the actual value for k is known, this value should be used in the interest of greater accuracy.

Express the result to the nearest 0,000 1 g/cm^3.

10 Repeatability

The absolute difference between two independent single test results obtained using the same method on identical test material in the same laboratory by the same operator using the same equipment within a short interval of time, should not be greater than 0,000 2 kg/l.

If the difference, as described above, exceeds 0,000 2 kg/l repeat the determination using a further test sample.

11 Test report

The test report shall show the method used, the measurement temperature and the result obtained. It shall also mention any operating details not specified in this International Standard, or regarded as optional, together with details of any incidents likely to have influenced the results.

The test report shall include all the information necessary for the complete identification of the sample.

The test shall include the type of pyknometer used and the method of sampling used, if known.

Annex A
(informative)

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