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# Animal feeding stuffs — Determination of amino acids content

## 1 Scope

This International Standard describes the determination of free (synthetic and natural) and total (peptide-bound and free) amino acids in feeding stuffs, using an amino acid analyser or HPLC equipment. It is applicable to the following amino acids:

- sum of cystine and cysteine;
- methionine;
- lysine;
- threonine;
- alanine;
- arginine;
- aspartic acid;
- glutamic acid;
- glycine;
- histidine;
- isoleucine;
- leucine;
- phenylalanine;
- proline;
- serine;
- tyrosine;
- valine.

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The method does not distinguish between the salts of amino acids, nor does it differentiate between D and L forms of amino acids. It is not valid for the determination of tryptophan or hydroxy analogues of amino acids.

Limits of quantification depend on the chromatographic equipment, but levels as low as: 0,3 g/kg total lysine; 0,25 g/kg total methionine; 0,35 g/kg total cystine plus cysteine; 0,2 g/kg total threonine; 0,035 g/kg free lysine; 0,035 g/kg free methionine; and 0,03 g/kg free threonine can typically be analysed.

NOTE A lower limit of quantification or detection might be achievable but this is to be validated by the users.

## 2 Principle

### 2.1 Free amino acids

The free amino acids are extracted with dilute hydrochloric acid. Co-extracted nitrogenous macromolecules are precipitated with sulfosalicylic acid and removed by filtration. The filtered solution is adjusted to pH 2,20. The amino acids are separated by ion exchange chromatography and determined by reaction with ninhydrin with photometric detection at 570 nm.

**ISO 13903:2005(E)****2.2 Total amino acids**

The procedure chosen depends on the amino acids under investigation. Cyst(e)ine and methionine shall be oxidized to cysteic acid and methionine sulphone, respectively, prior to hydrolysis. Tyrosine shall be determined in hydrolysates of unoxidized samples. All the other amino acids listed in Clause 1 may be determined in either the oxidized or unoxidized sample.

Oxidation is performed at 0 °C with a performic acid/phenol mixture. Excess oxidation reagent is decomposed with sodium disulfite. The oxidized or unoxidized sample is hydrolysed with hydrochloric acid ( $c = 6 \text{ mol/l}$ ) for 23 h. The hydrolysate is adjusted to pH 2,20. The amino acids are separated by ion exchange chromatography and determined by reaction with ninhydrin, using photometric detection at 570 nm (440 nm for proline).

**3 Reagents and materials**

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade, unless otherwise specified.

**3.1 Water**, double distilled water or water of equivalent quality shall be used (conductivity  $< 10 \mu\text{S}$ ).

**3.2 Hydrogen peroxide**,  $w = 30 \%$ .

**3.3 Formic acid**,  $w = 98 \%$  to  $100 \%$ .

**3.4 Hydrochloric acid**, density approximately  $1,19 \text{ g/ml}$ .

**3.5 2,2'-Thiodiethanol** (thiodiglycol)

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**3.6 Light petroleum**, boiling rate  $40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to  $60 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

**3.7 Norleucine**, or any other compound suitable for use as internal standard.

**3.8 Nitrogen gas** ( $< 10$  parts per million oxygen).

**3.9 Amino acids.**

**3.9.1 Standard substances** listed under Clause 1.

Use pure compounds containing no water of crystallization. Dry under vacuum over  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  for 1 week prior to use.

**3.9.2 Cysteic acid.**

**3.9.3 Methionine sulfone.**

**3.10 Sodium hydroxide solution I**,  $c = 7,5 \text{ mol/l}$ .

Dissolve 300 g of NaOH (3.6) in water and make up to 1 l.

**3.11 Sodium hydroxide solution II**,  $c = 1 \text{ mol/l}$ .

Dissolve 40 g of NaOH in water (3.1) and make up to 1 l.

**3.12 Formic acid-phenol solution.**

Mix 889 g of formic acid (3.3) with 111 g of water (3.1) and add 4,73 g of phenol.

**3.13 Hydrolysis mixture**,  $c = 6$  mol/l HCl containing 1 g of phenol per litre.

Add 1 g of phenol to 492 ml of HCl (3.4) and make up to 1 l with water (3.1).

**3.14 Extraction mixture**,  $c = 0,1$  mol/l HCl containing 2 % thiodiglycol.

Take 8,2 ml of HCl (3.4), dilute with approximately 900 ml of water (3.1). Add 20 ml of thiodiglycol (3.5) and make up to 1 l with water. Do not mix 3.4 and 3.5 directly.

**3.15 5-Sulfosalicylic acid**,  $\beta = 6$  %.

Dissolve 60 g of 5-sulfosalicylic acid dihydrate in water (3.1) and make up to 1 l with water.

**3.16 Oxidation mixture** (performic acid-phenol).

Mix 0,5 ml of hydrogen peroxide (3.2) with 4,5 ml of formic acid-phenol solution (3.12) in a small beaker. Incubate at between 20 °C and 30 °C for 1 h in order to form performic acid, then cool in an ice-water bath (15 min) before adding to the sample.

Avoid contact with skin and wear protective clothing.

**3.17 Citrate buffer**,  $c = 0,2$  mol/l  $\text{Na}^+$ , pH 2,20.

Dissolve 19,61 g of sodium citrate dihydrate, 5 ml of thiodiglycol (3.5), 1 g of phenol and 16,50 ml of HCl (3.4) in approximately 800 ml of water (3.1). Adjust the pH to 2,20. Make up to 1 l with water.

**3.18 Elution buffers**, prepared according to conditions for the analyser used (4.9).

**3.19 Ninhydrin reagent**, prepared according to conditions for the analyser used (4.9).

**3.20 Standard solutions of amino acids** [log/standards/sist/d6ba6d3f-edde-46d5-8c4e-11912a4fd30c/sist-en-iso-13903-2005](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/d6ba6d3f-edde-46d5-8c4e-11912a4fd30c/sist-en-iso-13903-2005)

These solutions shall be stored below 5 °C.

**3.20.1 Stock standard solution of amino acids** (3.9.1),  $c = 2,5$  µmol/ml of each in hydrochloric acid.

These may be obtained commercially.

**3.20.2 Stock standard solution of cysteic acid and methionine sulfone**,  $c = 1,25$  µmol/ml.

Dissolve 0,211 5 g of cysteic acid (3.9.2) and 0,226 5 g of methionine sulphone (3.9.3) in citrate buffer (3.17) in a 1 l graduated flask and make up to mark with citrate buffer. Store below 5 °C for not more than 12 months. This solution shall not be used if the stock standard solution (3.20.1) contains cysteic acid and methionine sulfone.

**3.20.3 Stock standard solution of the internal standard** e.g. norleucine,  $c = 20$  µmol/ml.

Dissolve 0,656 0 g of norleucine (3.7) in citrate buffer (3.17) in a graduated flask and make up to 250 ml with citrate buffer. Store below 5 °C for no more than 6 months.

**3.20.4 Calibration solution of standard amino acids**, for use with hydrolysates,  $c = 0,1$  µmol/ml of cysteic acid and methionine sulfone and  $c = 0,2$  µmol/ml of the other amino acids.

Dissolve 2,2 g of sodium chloride in 100 ml beaker with 30 ml of citrate buffer (3.17). Add 4,00 ml of stock standard solution of amino acids (3.20.1), 4,00 ml of stock standard solution of cysteic acid and methionine sulfone (3.20.2), and 0,50 ml of stock standard solution of internal standard (3.20.3) if used. Adjust the pH to 2,20 with sodium hydroxide (3.11). Transfer quantitatively to a 50 ml graduated flask and make up to the mark with citrate buffer (3.17) and mix. Store below 5 °C for not more than 3 months. See also 9.1.