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Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Determination of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

1 Scope

This International Standard describes two methods for the determination of 15 polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in animal and vegetable fats and oils:

- a general method, and
- a method specific for coconut oil and vegetable oils with short-chain fatty acids.

These methods are not quantitative for the very volatile compounds such as naphthalene, acenaphthene and fluorene. Due to interferences provided by the matrix itself, palm oil and olive pomace oil cannot be analysed using this method.

The quantification limit is 0,2 µg/kg for almost all compounds analysed, except for fluoranthene and benzo(*g,h,i*)perylene where the quantification limit is 0,3 µg/kg, and indeno(1,2,3-*c,d*)pyrene where the quantification limit is 1 µg/kg.

2 Normative references

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon

PAH

compound that contains two or more condensed (fused) aromatic hydrocarbon rings and the content of which can be determined according to the method specified in this International Standard

NOTE 1 The content is given in micrograms per kilogram.

NOTE 2 In general PAHs are divided into light PAHs with two to four aromatic rings, and heavy PAHs with five or more aromatic rings.

EXAMPLES

Light PAHs include:

naphthalene (CAS RN [91-20-3]), acenaphthene (CAS RN [83-32-9]), acenaphthylene (CAS RN [208-96-8]), fluorene (CAS RN [86-73-7]), anthracene (CAS RN [120-12-7]), phenanthrene (CAS RN [85-01-8]), fluoranthene (CAS RN [206-44-0]), chrysene (CAS RN [218-01-9]), benz(*a*)anthracene (CAS RN [56-55-3]), pyrene (CAS RN [129-00-0]).

Heavy PAHs include:

benzo(a)pyrene (CAS RN [50-32-8]), benzo(b)fluoranthene (CAS RN [205-99-2]), benzo(k)fluoranthene (CAS RN [207-08-9]), benzo(g,h,i)perylene (CAS RN [191-24-2]), dibenz(a,h)anthracene (CAS RN [53-70-3]), indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene (CAS RN [193-39-5]).

4 Principle

The polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons are extracted with an acetonitrile/acetone mixture followed by purification on C18 reversed-phase and then Florisil bonded-phase cartridges. Determination of the content of the individual polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons after separation is achieved by means of high-pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC) and by measuring the fluorescence at various excitation and emission wavelengths.

5 Reagents and materials

WARNING — Attention is drawn to the regulations governing the handling of dangerous matter. Technical, organizational and personal safety measures must be followed.

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade unless otherwise stated.

Check the quality of solvents before use by concentrating the solvent about 1 000 times by evaporation and analysing the concentrate by HPLC (300 ml to 300 µl). The chromatogram shall be free from peaks in the elution area of PAHs.

5.1 **Methanol**, 'ultra resi-analysed' grade¹⁾.

5.2 **Hexane**, HPLC grade¹⁾.

5.3 **Acetonitrile**, HPLC grade¹⁾.

5.4 **Acetone**, HPLC grade¹⁾.

5.5 **Dichloromethane**, HPLC grade¹⁾.

5.6 **Toluene**, HPLC grade¹⁾.

5.7 **Water**, HPLC grade¹⁾.

5.8 **Tetrahydrofuran**, HPLC grade¹⁾.

5.9 **Solvent mixture 1**: acetonitrile/acetone (volume fraction 60 % / 40 %).

Quantity used per sample: 41 ml for general method, 36 ml for method specific for coconut oil.

5.10 **Solvent mixture 2**: acetonitrile/acetone (volume fraction 80 % / 20 %).

Quantity used per sample: 2 × 11 ml for method specific for coconut oil.

5.11 **Solvent mixture 3**: hexane/dichloromethane (volume fraction 75 % / 25 %).

Quantity used per sample: 7 ml for general method, 2 × 7 ml for method specific for coconut oil.

1) These can be obtained from, for example, Baker.

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5.12 Mixture of tetrahydrofuran/methanol (volume fraction 50 % / 50 %).

5.13 Standard solution with 16 certified EPA Priority PAHs in toluene²⁾, at a concentration of 100 µg/ml (100 mg/l): naphthalene, acenaphthylene, acenaphthene, fluorene, phenanthrene, anthracene, fluoranthene, pyrene, benz(a)anthracene, chrysene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(k)fluoranthene, benzo(a)pyrene, dibenz(a,h)anthracene, benzo(g,h,i)perylene, indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene. To be stored at -20 °C.

Before use, allow the solution to warm up to ambient temperature for at least 1 h.

NOTE Acenaphthylene is not fluorescent and, thus, it cannot be determined by these methods.

5.14 Stock standard solution, 200 ng/ml (200 µg/l).

Add 100 µl of standard solution (5.13) with a 250 µl syringe (6.11) to a 50 ml volumetric flask (6.20) and dilute to the mark with acetonitrile.

5.15 Working standard solution, 50 ng/ml (50 µg/l).

Add 250 µl of stock standard solution (5.14) with a 250 µl syringe (6.11) to 750 µl of THF/methanol mixture (5.12) or acetonitrile (5.3).

5.16 C18 bonded-phase cartridges³⁾, 2 g phase, 12 ml capacity.

5.17 Florisil bonded-phase cartridges³⁾, 500 mg phase, 3 ml capacity.

5.18 Stream of nitrogen, pressure regulated at 34,5 kPa (5 psi) about 1,5 l/min).

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6 Apparatus

Usual laboratory apparatus and, in particular, the following

The use of disposable glass tubes is acceptable. The general use of glass is necessary as plastics can contain PAHs.

6.1 Centrifuge, capable of attaining at least 4 000 min⁻¹, suitable for 100 ml and 10 ml tubes.

6.2 HPLC system with binary gradient elution, with solvent reservoir of 1 l capacity, a mobile phase liner filter, pump, autosampler, column temperature regulation set at 25 °C, fluorescence detector programmable over time for various excitation and emission wavelengths, and computer-assisted acquisition and data treatment.

6.3 C18 reversed-phase column⁴⁾, 250 mm in length, 4,6 mm internal diameter, 5 µm particles, suitable for PAH analysis.

6.4 Vortex mixer.

6.5 Automatic evaporator⁵⁾, for 10 ml tube (optional), or water bath (6.6).

2) This can be obtained from, for example, Promochem.

3) This can be obtained from, for example, Varian.

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4) This can be obtained from, for example, Vydac, ref. 201TP54.

5) This can be obtained from, for example, Zymark, Zymark TurboVap LV evaporator.

Recommended operating conditions:

- temperature of water bath 35 °C;
- nitrogen pressure 34,5 kPa.

6.6 Water bath, regulated at 35 °C.

6.7 Balance, with readability of 0,1 mg.

6.8 Centrifuge tubes, of 100 ml capacity (one per sample).

6.9 Conical centrifuge tubes, of 11 ml capacity (three per sample), with PTFE septa and closed top screw caps (one per sample).

6.10 Graduated cylinders.

6.11 Microsyringe, 250 µl.

6.12 Syringe, 1 000 µl.

6.13 Graduated pipette, 5 ml.

6.14 Syringe, 5 ml, equipped with an adapter cap for SPE cartridges.

6.15 Vials for autosampler.

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6.16 Microvials, of 250 µl capacity, adapted for HPLC system.

6.17 Ultrasonic bath, with water temperature not higher than 40 °C.

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6.18 Pasteur pipettes, with cotton wool in the top part to prevent contamination.

6.19 Device composed of stand and pincers⁶⁾, to hold SPE cartridges or, if available, an automatic SPE work station.

NOTE Depending on the SPE sample processing station used, the proposed extraction methods may require slight adaptations (times, pressure, volumes).

6.20 Volumetric flask, of capacity 50 ml.

7 Sampling

A representative sample should have been sent to the laboratory. It should not have 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.

6) This can be obtained from, for example, Zymark, Zymark Rapid Trace.

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