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Determination of melting point in open
capillary tubes (slip point)**

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Annex B is for information only.

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Page 1, clause 1

Add the following phrase before the Notes:

“A method for the determination of the melting point of palm oil samples is given in annex A.”

Page 5, subclause 10.1

Add the following phrase at the end of this subclause:

“The results of interlaboratory tests on palm oil samples are given in annex B.”

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Add annexes A and B.

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Annex A (normative)

Method for palm oil samples

Melt the sample and filter through a filter paper. Conduct the filtration in an oven set at 60 °C to avoid any crystallization of the sample. Leave the filtered sample in the oven for 10 min until it is free of air bubbles.

Dip at least three clean capillary tubes into the liquid sample so that columns of fat approximately 10 mm high are obtained in the tubes. Immediately chill the columns of fat by holding and rolling the ends of the tubes containing the sample pressed against a piece of ice, until the fat has solidified. Do not allow the open end of the tube to touch the ice. Wipe the tubes against a piece of tissue paper as quickly as possible. Place the tubes in a test tube which is held in a beaker of water that has been equilibrated at 10 °C ± 1 °C in a thermostated water bath. Transfer the beaker to the water bath and hold for 16 h at 10 °C ± 1 °C.

For the determination, follow the procedure as given in 8.3.1 to 8.3.3 Regulate the rise in temperature in the water jacket to 1 °C/min, slowing down to 0,5 °C/min as the slip point is reached. Note the temperature value indicated by the thermometer as soon as the fat rises in each of the tubes.

Note the arithmetic mean of the three readings obtained and take this as the result of one determination.

Annex B (informative)

Results of interlaboratory tests on palm oil samples

Table B.1 — Comparison of methods

Samples		Slip point		
		MS 817:1989 AOCS CC 3-25 ¹⁾	Method A	Method B
Palm oil, RBD ²⁾	1	36,8	38,2	36,5
	2	35,3	37,4	35,5
	3	35,2	37,7	35,5
	4	36,6	38,0	36,5
	5	35,6	37,5	35,5
Palm olein, RBD	1	22,3	24,4	25,5
	2	22,2	24,4	25,5
	3	22,5	24,3	25,5
	4	22,5	24,2	24,9
	5	22,3	24,2	24,9
Palm stearin, RBD	1	51,6	51,8	51,5
	2	52,8	51,8	52,8
	3	46,0	44,8	45,0
	4	52,3	52,8	53,4
	5	51,0	51,0	51,5
Crude palm oil	1	35,8	35,6	26,0
	2	35,3	36,6	26,0
	3	35,8	36,4	26,0
	4	35,0	35,8	26,0
	5	35,8	36,8	26,0
Crude palm kernel oil	1	27,8	27,7	27,6
	2	26,6	27,8	27,6
	3	26,7	26,7	27,0
	4	26,8	26,7	27,0
	5	27,0	27,5	27,4
Palm kernel oil, RBD	1	27,8	27,8	28,2
	2	27,8	27,6	27,6
	3	27,7	27,5	28,0
	4	27,8	27,2	28,0
	5	27,6	27,3	27,8
Palm kernel olein, RBD	1	26,2	25,8	26,0
	2	23,4	23,3	23,8
	3	23,5	23,4	23,8
	4	23,4	23,4	23,8
	5	24,6	24,4	24,5
Palm kernel stearin, RBD	1	32,2	32,2	33,0
	2	32,2	32,8	33,0
	3	39,3	38,5	39,4
	4	33,3	33,0	33,2
	5	32,3	33,6	33,2

1) Malaysian Standard MS 817:1989, *The determination of melting point in open capillary tubes (slip point) for palm oil products*. AOCS Official Method CC 3-25 — *Slip melting point AOCS standard open tube melting point* (updated 1992).

2) RBD: refined, bleached, deodorized.

Table B.2 — Statistical results of interlaboratory tests

	Palm oil	Palm olein	Palm stearin
No. of laboratories retained after eliminating outliers	10	11	11
Mean (°C)	37,4	20,5	52,1
Standard deviation of repeatability s_r (°C)	0,23	0,15	0,09
Coefficient of variation of repeatability	0,6	0,7	0,2
Repeatability limit, $2,8 \times s_r$ (°C)	0,64	0,42	0,25
Standard deviation of reproducibility s_R (°C)	0,78	0,98	0,54
Coefficient of variation of reproducibility	2,1	4,8	1,0
Reproducibility limit, $2,8 \times s_R$ (°C)	2,2	2,7	1,5

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