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**Animal and vegetable fats and oils —  
Determination of visible foots in crude fats  
and oils**

*Corps gras d'origines animale et végétale — Détermination de la teneur en  
sédiments visibles dans des graisses et huiles brutes*

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# Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Determination of visible foots in crude fats and oils

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination in crude fats or oils of visible matter which can be separated by gravity.

## 2 Normative reference

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

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### visible foots

insoluble matter in fats and oils, together with occluded oil, which settles out from oil or fat within 96 h at the temperature specified in this International Standard

NOTE 1 “Foots” is a term that was originally used to describe those impurities that precipitate from raw linseed oil during storage and subsequently settle to the bottom (foot) of a storage tank.

NOTE 2 Visible foots are quantified by storage of a sample of the homogenized fat or oil for a period of 96 h at 20 °C or 10 °C above the melting point, whichever is the higher.

## 4 Principle

A homogenized test portion of crude fat or oil is allowed to stand at a controlled temperature for a period of 96 h. The volume of separated material, called “visible foots”, is read off from the graduated vessel.

## 5 Apparatus

Usual laboratory equipment and, in particular, the following.

**5.1 Sediment tube**, pear-shaped, used when the sediment is  $\leq 1,5$  ml per 100 ml.

See Figure 1.

**5.2 Sediment tube**, cone-shaped, used when the sediment is  $> 1,5$  ml per 100 ml.

See Figure 2.

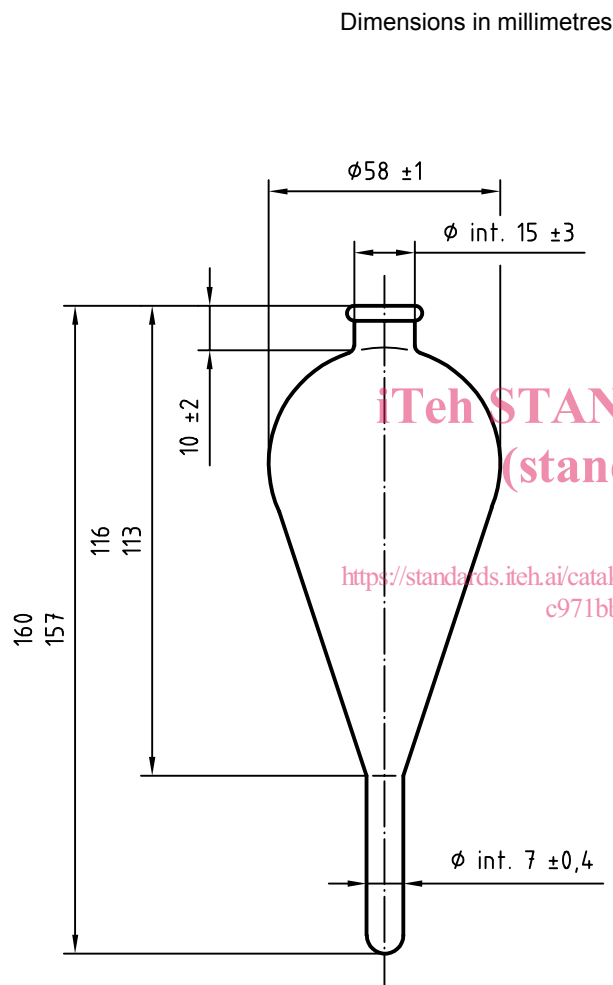


Figure 1 — Pear-shaped sediment tube

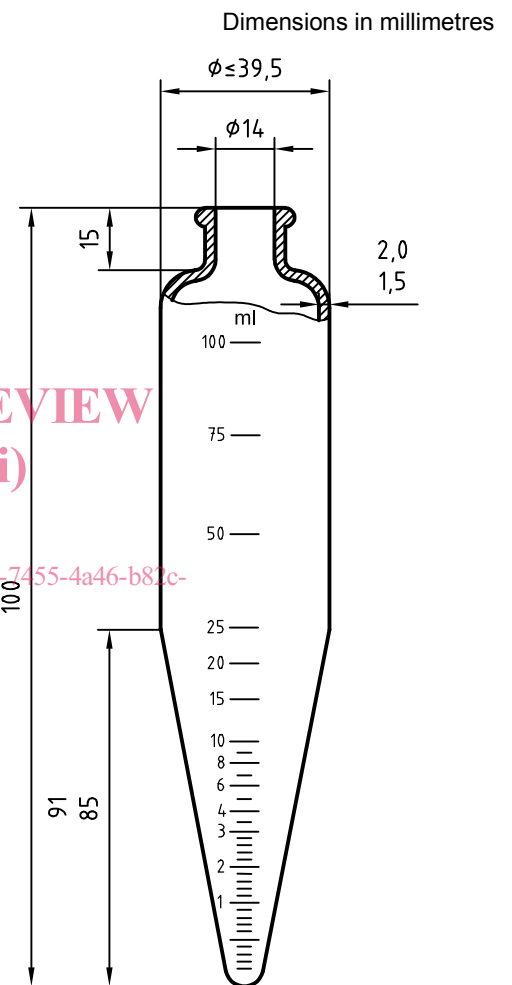


Figure 2 — Cone-shaped sediment tube

## 6 Sampling

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

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

Samples shall be stored in glass or polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles.

## 7 Preparation of test sample

Warm the fat or oil until it is fully liquid and mix (i.e. shaking the sample by hand) until any sediment from the bottom of the sample is redispersed in the fat or oil to ensure a sufficient homogeneous and representative sample. See ISO 661.

## 8 Procedure

### 8.1 Number of determinations

Carry out the test in duplicate.

### 8.2 Preparation of test portion

Cool the prepared test sample (clause 7), with constant stirring, until the temperature is 20 °C or 10 °C above the melting point, whichever is the higher.

### 8.3 Determination

Fill the sediment tube (5.1 or 5.2) to the 100 ml graduation mark, as quickly as possible, with the homogeneous fat or oil at the temperature of measurement. Allow it to stand in a vertical position for 96 h at 20 °C or 10 °C above the slip melting point, whichever is the higher. During the period of the test, the tube should remain undisturbed. Read the volume of the “foots” at the bottom of the tube after 96 h, to the nearest 0,1 ml.

## 9 Expression of results

Report the value of visible foots as a percentage by volume, at  $T$  °C, (where  $T$  °C is the temperature at which the test was carried out). State which sediment tube was used (5.1 or 5.2).

Calculate the mean of the results of the two tubes and report the results to the nearest

0,1 ml per 100 ml	for results < 1 ml per 100 ml,
0,5 ml per 100 ml	for results from 1 ml to 3 ml per 100 ml,
1,0 ml per 100 ml	for results > 3 ml per 100 ml.

## 10 Precision

### 10.1 Interlaboratory tests

Details of international interlaboratory tests on the precision of the method are summarized in annex A. The values derived from this test may not be applicable to concentration ranges and matrices other than those given.

### 10.2 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, will in not more than 5 % of cases be greater than:

level of foots found (ml per 100 ml)	< 1	1 to 3	> 3
repeatability limit, $r$	0,1	0,3 to 0,5	1,0

### 10.3 Reproducibility

The absolute difference between two single test results, obtained using the same method on identical test material in different laboratories with different operators using different equipment, will in not more than 5 % of cases be greater than:

level of foots found (ml per 100 ml)	< 1	1 to 3	> 3
reproducibility limit, <i>R</i>	1,0	3,0	5,0

### 11 Test report

The test report shall specify:

- all information necessary for the complete identification of the sample;
- the sampling method used, if known;
- the test method used, with reference to this International Standard;
- all operating details not specified in this International Standard, or regarded as optional, together with details of any incidents which may have influenced the test result(s);
- the test results(s) obtained or, if the repeatability has been checked, the final quoted result obtained.

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## Annex A (informative)

### Interlaboratory tests

#### A.1 Results of interlaboratory tests

Tables A.1 and A.2 give the precision data for tests carried out in 1996 and 1997/1998.

**Table A.1 — Visible foots (1996 study)**

	Sample No.					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
No. of participating laboratories	12	13	12	13	13	13
No. of acceptable results	11	10	9	12	12	10
Mean value	1,39	2,49	0,42	3,96	5,72	6,73
Repeatability standard deviation, $s_r$	0,18	0,08	0,03	0,18	0,14	0,23
Coefficient of variation of repeatability, %	12,64	3,24	6,22	4,52	2,50	3,47
Repeatability limit, $r$	0,49	0,23	0,07	0,50	0,40	0,65
Reproducibility standard deviation, $s_R$	1,10	0,48	0,62	1,15	1,05	0,85
Coefficient of variation of reproducibility, %	79,4	19,3	146	29,0	18,4	12,7
Reproducibility limit, $R$	3,09	1,34	1,73	3,21	2,95	2,39

**Table A.2 — Visible foots (1997/98 study)**

	Sample No.			
	1	2	3	4
No. of participating laboratories	9	9	9	9
No. of acceptable results	8	9	9	9
Mean value	0,07	2,46	2,41	4,76
Repeatability standard deviation, $s_r$	0	0,07	0,02	0,26
Coefficient of variation of repeatability, %	0	3,04	0,98	5,53
Repeatability limit, $r$	0	0,21	0,07	0,74
Reproducibility standard deviation, $s_R$	0,05	0,90	0,90	1,90
Coefficient of variation of reproducibility, %	66,6	36,5	37,5	40,3
Reproducibility limit, $R$	0,30	2,51	2,53	5,38