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1 Scope

1.1 This International Standard specifies two methods for the determination of aflatoxin B₁ in animal feeding stuffs. These methods can only be used for semi-quantitative determinations.

1.2 Method A is applicable to the following simple feeding stuffs:

- oilseeds and oilseed residues, and in particular groundnut, copra, linseed, soya, babassu palm;
- manioc meal;
- maize germ expeller;
- cereals and cereal products;
- pea meal;
- potato pulp and flour.

In the presence of substances interfering with the determination by method A, it is recommended that the determination be carried out in accordance with method B.

1.3 Method B is applicable to mixed feeding stuffs and to simple feeding stuffs not mentioned in 1.2.

This method is not applicable to feeding stuffs containing citrus pulp.

2 Normative reference

The following normative document contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the normative document indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 6498, *Animal feeding stuffs — Preparation of test samples*

3 Principle

A test portion is extracted with chloroform then filtration. An aliquot portion is purified on a silica gel column.

The eluate is evaporated and the residue is dissolved in a specified volume of chloroform or a mixture of benzene and acetonitrile.

Thin-layer chromatography, one-dimensional for method A and two-dimensional for method B, is carried out on an aliquot portion of this solution.

The aflatoxin B₁ content is determined either visually or by fluorodensitometry, by examination of the chromatogram under ultraviolet light and comparison with known quantities of standard aflatoxin B₁ applied to the same plate as the test portion extract.

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The identify of aflatoxin B₁ is confirmed by formation of the hemiacetal derivative.

4 Reagents

Use only reagents of recognized analytical quality, and distilled or deionized water or water of at least equivalent purity.

4.1 Chloroform, stabilized with 0,5 % to 1,0 % of 96 % (volume fraction) ethanol.

4.2 *n*-Hexane.

4.3 Diethyl ether, anhydrous, free from peroxides.

4.4 Benzene/acetonitrile, (98 + 2) mixture.

Mix 98 volumes of benzene with 2 volumes of acetonitrile.

4.5 Chloroform/methanol, (97 + 3) mixture.

Mix 97 volumes of chloroform with 3 volumes of methanol.

4.6 Developing solvents.

The solvents should be used in covered tanks. When saturated tanks are specified, this is achieved by lining the tanks with absorbent paper and allowing the interiors to become saturated with solvent vapour.

4.6.1 Chloroform/acetone, (90 + 10) mixture.

Mix 90 volumes of chloroform with 10 volumes of acetone, in an unsaturated tank.

4.6.2 Diethyl ether/methanol/water, (96 + 3 + 1) mixture.

Mix 96 volumes of diethyl ether, 3 volumes of methanol and 1 volume of water, in an unsaturated tank.

4.6.3 Diethyl ether/methanol/water, (94 + 4,5 + 1,5) mixture.

Mix 94 volumes of diethyl ether with 4,5 volumes of methanol and 1,5 volumes of water, in a saturated tank.

4.6.4 Chloroform/methanol, (94 + 6) mixture.

Mix 94 volumes of chloroform with 6 volumes of methanol, in a saturated tank.

4.6.5 Chloroform/methanol, (97 + 3) mixture.

Mix 97 volumes of chloroform with 3 volumes of methanol, in a saturated tank.

4.7 Silica gel, for column chromatography, of particle size 0,05 mm to 0,20 mm.

4.8 Silica gel, G-HR or equivalent, for thin-layer chromatography.

4.9 Diatomaceous earth (Hyflosupercel), acid-washed.

4.10 Sodium sulfate, anhydrous granules.

4.11 Trifluoroacetic acid.

4.12 Inert gas, for example nitrogen.

4.13 Sulfuric acid, 50 % solution (volume fraction).

4.14 Aflatoxin B₁, standard solution containing about 0,1 µg of aflatoxin B₁ per millilitre, in the chloroform (4.1) or in the benzene/acetonitrile mixture (4.4).

WARNING — Aflatoxins are highly carcinogenic and must be handled with great care.

Prepare and check the solution as follows.

4.14.1 Preparation of stock solution and determination of concentration

Prepare a solution of aflatoxin B₁ in the chloroform (4.1) or the benzene/acetonitrile mixture (4.4) such that the concentration is between 8 µg/ml and 10 µg/ml. Determine the absorption spectrum between 330 nm and 370 nm by means of the spectrometer (5.9).

Measure the absorbance (*A*) at 363 nm in the case of the chloroform solution, or at 348 nm in the case of the benzene/acetonitrile mixture solution.

Calculate the concentration of aflatoxin B₁, in micrograms per millilitre of solution, from the formulae:

a) for the chloroform solution

$$\frac{312 \times A \times 1\,000}{22\,300}$$

b) for the solution in the benzene/acetonitrile mixture

$$\frac{312 \times A \times 1\,000}{19\,800}$$

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4.14.2 Dilution

Dilute the stock solution (4.14.1), as appropriate, away from daylight, to obtain a standard solution with a concentration of aflatoxin B₁ of about 0,1 µg/ml.

If kept in a refrigerator at 4 °C, this solution is stable for 2 weeks.

4.14.3 Testing of chromatographic purity of the solution

Onto a plate (5.7), apply a spot of 5 µl of the standard aflatoxin B₁ solution of concentration 8 µg/ml to 10 µg/ml (4.14.1). Develop the chromatogram as indicated in 7.5.1. Under ultraviolet light, the chromatogram shall show only one spot and no fluorescence shall be perceptible in the original deposition zone.

4.15 Aflatoxin B₁ and B₂ (see the warning in 4.14), solutions for qualitative testing, containing about 0,1 µg of aflatoxin B₁ and B₂ per millilitre, in the chloroform (4.1) or in the benzene/acetonitrile mixture (4.4).

These concentrations are given as a guide. They shall be adjusted so as to obtain the same intensity of fluorescence for both aflatoxins (see 7.5.1).

5 Apparatus

Usual laboratory equipment and, in particular, the following.

5.1 Grinder/mixer.