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Part 2:
Fluorimetric method for cheese

1 Scope

This part of ISO 11816|IDF 155 specifies a fluorimetric method for the determination of alkaline phosphatase (ALP, EC 3.1.3.1) activity in cheese.

This method is applicable to soft cheeses, semi-hard and hard cheeses provided that the mould is only on the surface of the cheese and not also in the inner part (e.g. blue veined cheeses). For large hard cheeses, specific conditions of sampling apply (see Clause 7).

The instrument can read activities in the supernatant up to 7 000 milliunits per litre (mU/l).

2 Normative reference

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 5725-1, *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results — Part 1: General principles and definitions*

ISO 5725-2, *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results — Part 2: Basic method for the determination of repeatability and reproducibility of a standard measurement method*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1
alkaline phosphatase activity
ALP activity
activity of the alkaline phosphatase present in the product, determined by the specified procedure

Note 1 to entry: The alkaline phosphatase activity is expressed as milliunits of enzyme activity per gram of sample (mU/g).

3.2
unit of alkaline phosphatase activity
amount of alkaline phosphatase enzyme that catalyses the transformation of 1 µmol of substrate per minute

4 Principle

The alkaline phosphatase activity of the sample is measured by a continuous fluorimetric direct kinetic assay. A non-fluorescent aromatic monophosphoric ester substrate, 2′-[2-benzothiazolyl]-6′-hydroxybenzothiazole phosphate, in the presence of any alkaline phosphatase derived from the sample, undergoes hydrolysis of its phosphate radical, producing a highly fluorescent product. Fluorimetric

measurement of alkaline phosphatase (ALP) activity is measured at 38 °C over a 3 min period when using the Fluorophos®[1]. This includes pre-incubation of substrate and sample, followed by multiple kinetic readings of the reaction rate.

NOTE Although this is a 3 min test, the first minute is an equilibration period to ensure that the sample is at 38 °C. Measurements of activity are actually made from the beginning of the second minute to the end of the third minute (i.e. over a 2 min period).

5 Reagents

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade, unless otherwise specified, and distilled or demineralized water or water of equivalent purity.

5.1 Fluorophos®substrate[2] in bottles, each containing 144 mg of Fluorophos® substrate powder, molar mass 580 grams per mole.

This is a non-fluorescent aromatic monophosphoric ester substrate, 2′-[2-benzothiazolyl]-6′-hydroxybenzothiazole phosphate.

This substrate remains stable for 2 years from the date of manufacture, provided it is stored in unopened bottles at a temperature between 2 °C and 8 °C. Protect against light.

5.2 Substrate buffer solution, diethanolamine (DEA) buffer solution, *c*(DEA) = 2,4 mol/l, with pH 10,0.

The substrate buffer solution remains stable for 2 years from the date of manufacture, provided it is stored in unopened bottles at a temperature between 2 °C and 8 °C. Protect against light.

5.3 Working substrate.

Allow the Fluorophos® substrate (5.1) and the substrate buffer solution (5.2) to come to room temperature. Add the content of one bottle substrate buffer solution (240 ml) (5.2) to that of one bottle Fluorophos® substrate (144 mg) (5.1) and mix well by inversion for 3 min. Use amber glass to protect against light.

Allow the obtained solution to stand at room temperature for at least 30 min prior to use.

Use the analog-to-digital (A/D) test given in 9.2 to test the suitability of the ready to use working substrate. Do not use the working substrate if a reading above 1 200 FLU (fluorescence units) is obtained.

The working substrate remains stable for 60 days when protected from light and stored at a temperature between 2 °C and 8 °C, or for 6 h at 38 °C.

5.4 Working calibrator solutions, Fluoroyellow® (FY) [2′-(2-benzothiazolyl)-6′-hydroxybenzothiazole] in substrate buffer solution (5.2).

The working calibrator solutions remain stable for 18 months from manufacturing date when stored in unopened bottles at a temperature between 2 °C and 8 °C.

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1) Fluorophos is a registered trademark. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by either ISO or IDF of these products. Equivalent products may be used if they can be shown to lead to the same results.

2) The reagents specified in 5.1 to 5.6 and the apparatus specified in 6.1 to 6.4 (except 6.3.1) are available from Advanced Instruments, Inc., Two Technology Way, Norwood, Massachussetts 02062, USA. The manufacturer may change packaging configurations supplied with the Fluorophos Test System. The user should refer to the manufacturer's instructions for preparing reagents if different from those specified herein. Fluorophos and Fluoroyellow are registered trademarks of Advanced Instruments Inc. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by either ISO or IDF of these products.

Mix gently prior to use to ensure optimal results.

5.4.1 Calibrator solution A, containing 0 µmol/l of Fluoroyellow®.

5.4.2 Calibrator solution B, containing $17{,}24 \times 10^{-3}$ µmol/l of Fluoroyellow®.

5.4.3 Calibrator solution C, containing $34{,}48 \times 10^{-3}$ µmol/l of Fluoroyellow®.

5.5 Daily instrument control solution, containing $34{,}48 \times 10^{-3}$ µmol/l of Fluoroyellow®.

The daily instrument control solution remains stable for 18 months from manufacturing date when stored in unopened bottles at a temperature between 2 °C and 8 °C.

Mix gently prior to use to ensure optimal results.

5.6 Fluorophos® cheese extraction buffer, diethanolamine (DEA) buffer, pH 8,0 with magnesium and Triton X-100.

The cheese extraction buffer remains stable for 3 years from manufacturing date when stored in unopened bottles at a temperature between 2 °C and 8 °C.

5.7 Positive, negative and Phosphacheck-N™ controls.

6 Apparatus

Usual laboratory equipment and, in particular, the following.

6.1 Filter fluorimeter, with thermostatically controlled cuvette holder, capable of operating at 38 °C ± 1 °C and right-angle optics, allowing excitation at a wavelength of 440 nm and emission between 520 nm and 560 nm [e.g. Fluorophos® instrument[1)]].

6.2 Cuvettes, disposable, non-fluorescent glass, of diameter 12 mm and of length 75 mm.

6.3 Pipettes.

6.3.1 Pipette, of capacity 2,0 ml and 3,0 ml.

6.3.2 Positive-displacement or air-displacement pipette, of capacity 0,075 ml.

6.4 Heating block, capable of maintaining a temperature of 38 °C ± 1 °C, suitable for holding cuvettes.

6.5 Plastic paraffin film (e.g. Parafilm®[3)]) or other suitable laboratory-grade film.

6.6 Vortex mixer.

6.7 Grinding device.

6.8 Glass beaker, of capacity 5 ml (of approximately diameter 20 mm and length 30 mm) and 10 ml (of approximately diameter 25 mm and length 30 mm).

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3) Parafilm® and Ultra turrax® are examples of a suitable product available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by either ISO or IDF of these products.

6.9 High-speed homogenizer (e.g. Ultra turrax®[3]) provided with the stem of diameter of approximately 6 mm to 8 mm.

6.10 One-mark volumetric flasks, of capacity 25 ml.

6.11 Centrifuge, capable of centrifuging at 1 000*g* at 4 °C.

6.12 Glass test tube, of approximately diameter 12 mm and length 10 cm.

6.13 Glass Pasteur pipette, an air-displacement pipette can also be used.

6.14 Water bath, capable of maintaining a temperature of 63 °C ± 1 °C.

7 Sampling

A representative sample should be sent to the laboratory. It should not have been damaged or altered during transport or storage.

Sampling is not part of the method specified in this part of ISO 11816|IDF 155. A recommended sampling method is given in ISO 707|IDF 50.[1]

However, ISO 707|IDF 50 is not suitable for large hard cheeses where the whey curd mixture has been scalded at temperatures above 50 °C. If the cheese is made from raw milk, the ALP activity is not homogenously distributed within these cheeses. The activity is high in the outer layer of the cheese wheel, between 0 cm to 4 cm below, the rind of the round side, but very low or even undetectable in the core.

Samples of large hard cheeses, therefore, shall be sampled by taking a portion of 1 cm, taken at 0,5 cm below the rind of the round side (see Figure B.1).

In case of doubt regarding the type of cheese, between a hard and a semi-hard cheese, proceed to the sampling as described for large hard cheeses.

8 Preparation of test sample

Remove the rind or the surface from the test sample with a clean knife. Ensure that the test sample is not contaminated with surface microflora during its preparation. Especially for soft cheese with moulded surface, remove all the rind but in a layer as thin as possible, so as to avoid eliminating the fat layer under the mould surface (see Figure B.2). For large hard cheeses, proceed as described under Clause 7. Grind the test sample by means of a grinding mill or other appropriate device (6.7) and mix thoroughly. Keep the prepared sample in an airtight container.

9 Procedure

9.1 Verification of instrument performance

9.1.1 General

It is important to check instrument performance for drift, stray light and stability prior to analysing test samples. Follow good laboratory practice standards when operating the filter fluorimeter (6.1).

Quality control tests includes the following:

a) The daily A/D (analog-to-digital) test, used to check the proper functioning of the equipment.

b) The daily instrument control test, using the daily instrument control solution (5.5) to monitor any electronic or optical drift in the fluorimeter.

c) The use of external positive, negative and normal controls, described in 9.1.3, is recommended for monitoring daily instrument precision parameters.

9.1.2 Daily instrument tests

9.1.2.1 When using the Fluorophos® instrument, perform the A/D test daily before testing commences.

Access the A/D test through the "SETUP menu". Press "SETUP" key, then select menu item "A/D Test" by pressing < or >. With nothing in the cuvette holder, press START. Allow the figures appearing on the display screen to stabilize. The display should read 302 ± 4. If the reading is outside that range, clean the excitation and emission filters and repeat the A/D test.

9.1.2.2 Dispense 2,0 ml of the daily instrument control solution (5.5) into a labelled cuvette, using the pipette (6.3.1). Place the cuvette in the heating block (6.4) set at 38 °C for 20 min. Insert the pre-warmed cuvette into the cuvette holder. Close the lid. When the display is stable, record the displayed value, which should be 602 ± 12. If outside that range, use the small screwdriver supplied to slowly turn the potentiometer screw on the left-hand side of the instrument clockwise or anticlockwise, as necessary, until the display reads 602. Allow the numbers to equilibrate for 15 min.

9.1.3 Controls

Perform positive, negative and Phosphacheck-N™ controls[4] using a powdered milk base, with phosphatase and preservative (5.7).

The PhosphaCheck® pasteurization controls remain stable for 18 months from manufacturing date when stored in unopened and unreconstituted bottles at a temperature between 2 °C and 8 °C. Once reconstituted, the controls are stable for 3 days (72 h) at a temperature between 2 °C and 8 °C. Do not freeze.

Allow the controls to come to room temperature. Reconstitute the PhosphaCheck® pasteurization controls before use. Remove the metal and rubber stopper. Add 3,0 ml of deionised water at room temperature, using the pipette (6.3.1). Replace the stopper and mix gently by inversion for 1 min and then let stand for 15 min. Do not shake the controls or allow them to foam. Mix gently before each use to ensure optimal results.

After calibrating an unused channel with the negative control, analyse the three control solutions (i.e. positive, negative and PhosphaCheck-N™) by adding 0,075 ml of each control solution to 2 ml of pre-warmed substrate. Perform the ALP test.

The reading for the negative control shall be <10 mU/l, the PhosphaCheck-N™ control shall be between 10 mU/l and 40 mU/l and the positive control shall be 500 mU/l ± 100 mU/l.

9.2 Reagent controls to test the suitability of ready to use working substrate (5.3)

Dispense 2,0 ml of the working substrate (5.3) into a labelled cuvette, using the pipette (6.3.1). Place the cuvette in the heating block (6.4) set at 38 °C for 20 min. Insert the pre-warmed cuvette with the working substrate into the cuvette holder. Close the lid. When the display is stable, record the displayed value.

Freshly made substrate alone in the A/D mode usually gives a display reading of about 650 FLU which increases over time.

Do not use the working substrate when a display reading of above 1 200 FLU is obtained.

4) The controls specified and instrument performance check instructions are available from Advanced Instruments Inc, Two Technology Way, Norwood, MA 02062, USA. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by either ISO or IDF of these products.