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Foreword

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Animal feeding stuffs — Determination of tryptophan content

1 Scope

This International Standard describes a method for determination of the total and free tryptophan (Trp) content in feeding stuffs (e.g. complete and complementary feeds, supplementary feeds, raw materials, ingredients, and concentrates) and determination of free tryptophan in commercial pure substances and premixtures containing more than 2 % of tryptophan.

It does not distinguish between D- and L-forms.

2 Principle

For the determination of the total tryptophan, the sample is hydrolysed under alkaline conditions with saturated barium hydroxide solution and heated to 110 °C for 20 h. After hydrolysis, an internal standard is added.

For the determination of free tryptophan, the sample is extracted under mild acidic conditions in the presence of an internal standard. For commercial pure substances and premixtures containing more than 2 % of tryptophan, it is possible to add the internal standard after the extraction because if it is added before, a large volume of a large is necessary.

The tryptophan and the internal standard in the hydrolysate or in the extract are determined by reversed phase C₁₈ HPLC with fluorescence detection.

3 Reagents and materials

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade, unless otherwise specified.

3.1 Double-distilled water, or water of equivalent purity (conductivity < 10 μ S/cm).

3.2 Standard substance and control substance: tryptophan (purity/content $w \geq 99$ %) dried under vacuum over phosphorus pentoxide. The product is considered as 100 % pure.

NOTE The control of the purity of the standard substance can be performed by measuring the absorbance of a solution of tryptophan at 280 nm. Prepare a solution of about 5 mg/l in HCl 10-3 N from a stock solution and measure the OD at 280 nm versus HCl 10-3 N. Then, the concentration of tryptophan is: $C = OD/5630 * 10exp06$ where:

— 5630 is the molar extinction coefficient of tryptophan in water à 280 nm;

— C is expressed in μ mole/l.

The standard substance purity is then: $(C/C_0)*100$ where C_0 is the theoretical concentration of the diluted, expressed in μ mole/l, about 25 μ mole/l.

The control of the purity is performed every 6 months of use; it shall be ≥ 99 %.

3.3 Internal standard substance: α -methyltryptophan (purity/content $w \geq 99$ %), dried under vacuum over phosphorus pentoxide.

3.4 Barium hydroxide octahydrate.

Care should be taken not to expose the $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$ excessively to air in order to avoid formation of BaCO_3 , which could disturb the determination (see observation in B.3).

3.5 Sodium hydroxide.

3.6 Orthophosphoric acid, $w = 85\%$.

3.7 Concentrated hydrochloric acid, $\rho_{20} = 1,19$ g/ml.

3.8 Methanol, HPLC grade.

3.9 Light petroleum, boiling range 40 °C to 60 °C.

3.10 Sodium hydroxide solution, $c = 1$ mol/l.

Dissolve 40,0 g of NaOH (3.5) in water (3.1) and make up to 1 l with water (3.1).

3.11 Hydrochloric acid, $c = 6$ mol/l.

Take 492 ml of HCl (3.7) and make up to 1 l with water (3.1).

3.12 Hydrochloric acid, $c = 1$ mol/l.

Take 82 ml of HCl (3.7) and make up to 1 l with water (3.1).

3.13 Hydrochloric acid, $c = 0,1$ mol/l.

Take 8,2 ml of HCl (3.7) and make up to 1 l with water (3.1).

3.14 Orthophosphoric acid, $c = 0,5$ mol/l.

Take 34 ml of orthophosphoric acid (3.6) and make up to 1 l with water (3.1).

3.15 Concentrated tryptophan solutions (3.2), $c = 0,50$ g/l.

In a 500 ml volumetric flask, dissolve 0,25 g of tryptophan (3.2) (weighed to the nearest 0,1 mg) in hydrochloric acid (3.13) and make up to the mark with hydrochloric acid (3.13). Store at approximately - 18 °C for a maximum of four weeks.

3.16 Concentrated internal standard solution, $c = 0,54$ g/l.

In a 500 ml volumetric flask, dissolve 0,27 g of α -methyltryptophan (3.3) (weighed to the nearest 0,1 mg) in hydrochloric acid (3.13) and make up to the mark with hydrochloric acid (3.13). Store at approximately - 18 °C for a maximum of four weeks.

3.17 Calibration standard solutions of tryptophan and internal standard.

3.17.1 Calibration standard solution for the analysis of tryptophan in feeding stuffs ($c = 0,010$ g/l)

Take 2,00 ml of the concentrated tryptophan solution (3.15) and 2,00 ml of concentrated internal standard solution (α -methyltryptophan) (3.16). Dilute with water (3.1) and methanol (3.8) to approximately the same volume and to approximately the same concentration of methanol (10 % to 30 %) as the finished hydrolysate.

This solution shall be prepared freshly before use.

Protect from direct sunlight during preparation.

3.17.2 Calibration standard solution of tryptophan for the analysis of tryptophan in commercial pure substances and premixtures containing more than 2 % of tryptophan ($c = 0,010$ g/l)

Take 2,00 ml of the concentrated tryptophan solution (3.15) and 2,00 ml of concentrated internal standard solution (α -methyltryptophan) (3.16).

Dilute it with hydrochloric acid 0,1 mol/l (3.13) in a 100 ml volumetric flask. Fill up to the mark.

This solution shall be prepared freshly before use

Protect from direct sunlight during preparation

NOTE For verification of the calibration standard solution it is possible to use a control solution of tryptophan. This control solution is prepared and analysed as it is described for the calibration standard solution but shall come from another manufacturer than the standard substance (3.2). The recovery of tryptophan in the control solution sample shall be between 99 % to 101 %.

3.18 Ethanolamine > 98 %.

3.19 1,1,1-Trichloro-2-methyl-2-propanol solution.

Add 1 g of 1,1,1-trichloro-2-methyl-2-propanol to 100 ml of methanol (3.8).

3.20 Mobile phase for HPLC.

Dissolve 3,00 g of acetic acid in 900 ml of water (3.1) and add 50,0 ml of 1,1,1-trichloro-2-methyl-2-propanol solution (3.19). Adjust the pH to 5,00 using ethanolamine (3.18). Make up to 1 000 ml with water (3.1).

4 Apparatus

Usual laboratory apparatus and, in particular, the following.

4.1 HPLC equipment with a spectrofluorimetric detector.

4.2 Liquid chromatographic column, 125 mm \times 4 mm, with C₁₈, 3 μ m packing, or equivalent.

4.3 pH-meter.

4.4 Polypropylene flask, of capacity 125 ml, with wide neck and screw cap.

4.5 Membrane filter consisting of cellulose acetate (0,45 μ m or 0,22 μ m pore size).

4.6 Autoclave, capable of being maintained at (110 ± 2) °C, $[(140 \pm 10)$ kPa $(1,4 \pm 0,1)$ bar].

A pressure-tight covered dish that may be put into a drying oven adjustable to (110 ± 2) °C may be used.

4.7 Mechanical shaker or magnetic stirrer.

4.8 Vortex mixer

4.9 Glassware – filters

4.10 Graduated Erlen meyers flasks: 200 ml, 250 ml, 600ml

4.11 **Volumetric** : 100 ml, 500 ml, 1000 ml (all class A).

5 Procedure

5.1 Preparation of samples

5.1.1 Feeding stuffs

Grind the sample to pass through a 0,5 mm sieve. Samples high in moisture shall be either air-dried at a temperature not exceeding 50 °C or freeze-dried prior to grinding. Samples with high fat content shall be extracted with light petroleum (3.9) prior to grinding.

5.1.2 Commercial pure substances and premixtures containing more than 2 % of tryptophan

Grind the sample to pass through to a 0,25 mm sieve and homogenize it well.

5.2 Determination of free tryptophan (extract)

5.2.1 Feeding stuffs

Weigh, to the nearest 1 mg, an appropriate amount (1 g to 5 g) of the prepared sample (5.1.1) into a conical flask. Add 100,0 ml of hydrochloric acid, (3.13) and 5,00 ml of concentrated internal standard solution (3.16). Shake or mix for 60 min using a mechanical shaker or a magnetic stirrer (4.7). Allow the sediment to settle and pipette 10,0 ml of the supernatant solution into a beaker. Add 5 ml of orthophosphoric acid (3.14). Adjust the pH to 3,0 using sodium hydroxide (3.10). Add sufficient methanol (3.8) to give a concentration of between 10 % and 30 % of methanol in the final volume. Transfer to a volumetric flask of appropriate volume and dilute with water (3.1) to a volume necessary for the chromatography [approximately the same volume as the calibration standard solution (3.17.1)].

Filter a few millilitres of the solution through a 0,45 µm membrane filter (4.5) before injection on the HPLC column. Proceed to the chromatography step according to 5.4.

Protect the standard solution and extracts against direct sunlight. If it is not possible to analyse the hydrolysates the same day, they may be stored at 5 °C for a maximum of three days

5.2.2 Commercial pure substances and premixtures containing more than 2 % of tryptophan

Weigh to the nearest of 0,1 mg, 0,5 g to 5 g of well homogenized sample (5.1.2), depending on the expected concentration of tryptophan in the sample (in accordance with Table 1) into a 1000 ml volumetric flask.

Table 1 — Sample weight according to the expected value of free Tryptophan

Expected free Trp %	Sample weight in 1000 ml g
2 - 10	5
10 - 20	2,5
20 - 40	1,25
40 - 60	0,8
60 - 80	0,6
80 - 100	0,5

Fill up to volume with 0,1 mol/l hydrochloric acid (3.13).

The mixture is stirred during 30 min on a mechanical shaker or a magnetic stirrer (4.7). Allow the particles to settle.

Transfer an aliquot of 2 ml of clear solution into a 100 ml volumetric flask. Add 2 ml of the concentrated internal standard (3.16).

Fill up to the mark with 0,1 mol/l hydrochloric acid (3.13).

This diluted test solution should have a tryptophan concentration as close as possible as the tryptophan concentration in the calibration standard solution (3.17.2) and the internal standard concentration of 0,001 g/l shall be similar to the one of the calibration standard solution (3.17.2). Refer to Annex A for example of samples preparation.

Filter a few millilitres of the solution through a 0,45 μ m membrane filter (4.5) before injection on the HPLC column. Proceed to the chromatography step according to 5.4.

Protect the standard solution and extracts against direct sunlight. If it is not possible to do the analyses the same day, then the extracts shall be stored below 5 °C for not more than 3 days.

5.3 Determination of total tryptophan (hydrolysates)

Weigh, to the nearest 0,2 mg, from 0,1 g to 1 g of the prepared sample (5.1.1) into the polypropylene flask (4.4). The weighed test portion should have a nitrogen content of about 10 mg. Add 8,4 g of barium hydroxide octahydrate (3.4) and 10 ml of water (3.1). Mix on a vortex mixer (4.8) or magnetic stirrer (4.7). Leave the Teflon-coated magnet in the mixture. Wash down the walls of the vessel with 4 ml of water (3.1). Put on the screw cap and close the flask loosely. Transfer to an autoclave (4.6) which contains boiling water, and steam for 30 min to 60 min. Close the autoclave and autoclave at (110 ± 2) °C for 20 h.

Before opening the autoclave, reduce the temperature to just under 100 °C. In order to avoid crystallization of $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$, add to the warm mixture 30 ml of water (3.1) which is at room temperature. Shake or stir gently. Add 2,00 ml of concentrated internal standard solution (α -methyltryptophan) (3.16). Cool the vessel in a water/ice bath for 15 min.

Then, add 5 ml of orthophosphoric acid (3.14). Keep the vessel in the cooling bath and neutralize with 6 mol/l HCl (3.11) whilst stirring and adjust the pH to 3,0 using 1 mol/l HCl (3.12). Add sufficient methanol to give a concentration of between 10 % and 30 % of methanol in the final volume. Transfer to a volumetric flask of appropriate volume and dilute with water (3.1) to the defined volume necessary for the chromatography (for example 100 ml). The addition of methanol should not cause precipitation.

Filter a few millilitres of the solution through a 0,45 μ m membrane filter (4.5) before injection on the HPLC column. Proceed to the chromatography step according to 5.4.