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1 Scope

This document specifies a procedure for the detection of a DNA sequence of the promoter region of the nopaline synthase gene (*P-nos*) from *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* and a procedure for the detection of the DNA transition sequence between *P-nos* and the neomycin-phosphotransferase gene (*nptII*) from the Tn5 transposon of *Escherichia coli* K12. The *nos*-promoter and the *P-nos-nptII*-construct are frequently found in genetically modified plants. The *P-nos* and *P-nos-nptII* specific methods are based on real-time PCR and can be used for qualitative screening purposes. For identification and quantification of a specific genetically modified plant (event) a follow-up analysis has to be carried out.

The methods described are applicable for the analysis of DNA extracted from foodstuffs. They may also be suitable for the analysis of DNA extracted from other products such as feedstuffs and seeds. The application of these methods requires the extraction of an adequate amount of amplifiable DNA from the relevant matrix.

The DNA sequence amplified by the *P-nos* element-specific method can be detected in samples which contain DNA of the naturally occurring Ti-plasmid of *A. tumefaciens*. For this reason, it is necessary to confirm a positive screening result. Further analyses are required using construct-specific or event specific methods.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 21569, Foodstuffs — Methods of analysis for the detection of genetically modified organisms and derived products — Qualitative nucleic acid based methods

ISO 21570, Foodstuffs — Methods of analysis for the detection of genetically modified organisms and derived products — Quantitative nucleic acid based methods

ISO 21571:2005, Foodstuffs — Methods of analysis for the detection of genetically modified organisms and derived products — Nucleic acid extraction

ISO 24276, Foodstuffs — Methods of analysis for the detection of genetically modified organisms and derived products — General requirements and definitions

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 16577 apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

4 Principle

DNA is extracted from the test sample applying a suitable method (see ISO 21571). The DNA analysis consists of two parts:

- a) verification of the amount and amplifiability of the extracted DNA, e.g. by means of a target taxon specific real-time PCR (according to ISO 21570), see also Reference [1];
- b) detection of the *P-nos* and/or *P-nos-nptII* sequence in a real-time PCR, see References [2], [3] and [4].

5 Reagents and materials

5.1 General

For the purpose of this document, only chemicals and water of recognized analytical grade, appropriate for molecular biology shall be used. Unless stated otherwise, solutions should be prepared by dissolving the corresponding reagents in water and be autoclaved. For all operations in which gloves are used, it should be ensured that these are powder-free. The use of aerosol-protected pipette tips as protection against cross contamination is recommended.

5.2 PCR reagents

5.2.1 Thermostable DNA polymerase (for hot-start PCR).

5.2.2 PCR buffer solution (containing magnesium chloride and deoxyribonucleoside triphosphates, dNTPs). Catalog/standards/iso/Sec119d0-8d9c-4612-9ab6-a14155c8c081/iso-ts-21569-4-2016

Ready-to-use reagent mixtures or mixes of individual components can be used. Reagents and polymerases which lead to equal or better results may also be used.

5.2.3 Oligonucleotides (see <u>Tables 1</u> and <u>2</u>).

Table 1 — Oligonucleotides for detection of *P-nos* element

Name	DNA sequence of the oligonucleotide	Final concentration in the PCR	
P-nos as target sequence[4]:			
Primer p-nos-F1	5'-AAg CAC ATA CgT CAg AAA CCA TTA TT-3'	400 nmol/l	
Primer p-nos-R	5'-TCA gTg gAg CAT TTT TgA CAA gAA-3'	400 nmol/l	
Probe p-nos-Tm	5'-(FAM)-CgC gTT CAA AAg TCg CCT AAg gTC AC-(BBQ)-3'a	100 nmol/l	

^a FAM: 6-Carboxyfluorescein, BBQ: BlackBerry® Quencher. This information is given for convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of the product named. Equivalent products from other manufacturers may be used if they can be shown to give equivalent or better results.