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— estimation using a spectrophotometer has been retained and estimation using coloured glass filters has been deleted;

— the normative references have been updated.

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Introduction

This document is based on the ASTA Method 20.1[1].

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Spices and condiments — Spectrophotometric determination of the extractable colour in paprika

1 Scope

This document specifies a test method to determine the extractable colour in paprika by measuring the absorbance of an acetone extract of the sample.

It is applicable to ground paprika in every presentation (sweet, hot, smoked, etc).

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

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3.1
extractable colour
soluble matter (extract) in acetone, determined according to the procedure described in this document

3.2
paprika
product obtained by grinding the dry and mature fruits of *Capsicum annuum* L. or *Capsicum frutescens L.*

4 Principle

Extraction from the test sample using acetone. Measurement of the absorbance of the solution obtained using a spectrophotometer at a wavelength of 460 nm.

5 Reagents

All reagents shall be of a recognized analytical grade.

5.1 Acetone.

6 Apparatus

Usual laboratory equipment and, in particular, the following.

6.1 Analytical balance, capable of weighing with a resolution of 0,1 mg.

6.2 Graduated pipette, of 10 ml capacity, class A.

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6.3 Spectrophotometer cells, with an optical path length of 1 cm, suitable for the UV-vis range, provided with a lid.

6.4 Spectrophotometer, suitable for measuring absorbance at 460 nm. The calibration and verification of the spectrophotometer shall be carried out with periodicity enough to guarantee the proper development of the test.

6.5 Volumetric flasks, of 100 ml capacity, class A, with ground glass stoppers.

6.6 Sieve, of 850 µm mesh.

6.7 Polystyrene anti-static weigh boats, for analytical balance.

7 Sampling

The laboratory shall receive a truly representative sample, without any damage caused during transport or storage.

The sample shall be protected from light.

8 Test sample preparation

The sample shall be ground so that at least 99 % of the powder (990 g/kg) passes through the sieve of 850 µm mesh (6.6). Mix thoroughly before taking the test portion.

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9 Procedure

9.1 Weigh, to the nearest 0,1 mg, around 0,5 g to 0,7 g of paprika, prepared according to Clause 8, into a weigh boat (6.7) and transfer quantitatively into a 100 ml volumetric flask (6.5). Take to the mark with acetone and close with a stopper.

9.2 Shake vigorously. Let the solution stand for 16 h at room temperature, away from light. Shake the flask. Let the solution stand for enough time for the particles to settle.

9.3 Set the wavelength on the spectrophotometer to 460 nm and record the absorbance of the extract using acetone as a blank.

9.4 The recommended range of absorbance A values is from to 0,30 to 0,70. Extracts having A greater than 0,70 should be diluted with acetone to one-half the original concentration. Extracts having A less than 0,30 should be discarded and the extraction performed using a larger sample weight.

10 Method of calculation

The extractable colour, E, in ASTA (American Spice Trade Association) units, is given by Formula (1):

$$E = (A \times 16{,}4) / m \quad (1)$$

where

A is the absorbance of the test sample extract at 460 nm;

m is the mass, in grams, of the test portion.

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If any dilution has been made (see 9.4), the relevant dilution factor shall be applied.

The capsanthin concentration C, in g/kg, of the undried sample is determined from the extractable colour, E, in ASTA units, using Formula (2):

$$C = E \times 0{,}169 \quad (2)$$

NOTE The precision of the method was established in accordance with ISO 5725-2 by an international interlaboratory test. The results of the interlaboratory tests are given in Annex A.

11 Expression of results

The results of the extractable colour shall be expressed in ASTA units and shall be reported to the nearest whole number.

12 Test report

The test report shall contain at least the following information:

a) the method used, including a reference to this document, i.e. ISO 7541:2020;

b) all information necessary for the complete identification of the sample;

c) the results obtained, including a reference to the clause which explains how the results were calculated;

d) any deviations from the procedure;

e) any unusual features observed;

f) all operation details not specified or regarded as optional, as well as any incidents which may have influenced the results;

g) the date of the test.

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