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Foreword

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- A spectrophotometric method with a defatting procedure by methanol and with calibration solutions of potato amylose and waxy rice amylopectin has replaced the size exclusion chromatography method.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a reference method for the determination of the amylose content of milled rice, non-parboiled. The method is applicable to rice with an amylose mass fraction higher than 5 %.

This document can also be used for husked rice, maize, millet and other cereals if the extension of this scope has been validated by the user.

NOTE Amylose values determined with this document can be compared with PDO and PGI legislation.

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 712, *Cereals and cereal products — Determination of moisture content — Reference method*

ISO 8466-1, *Water quality — Calibration and evaluation of analytical methods and estimation of performance characteristics — Part 1: Statistical evaluation of the linear calibration function*

ISO 15914, *Animal feeding stuffs — Enzymatic determination of total starch content*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

3.1

amylose

DEPRECATED: apparent amylose

polysaccharide constituent of starch, the macromolecules of which have glucose units linked in a predominantly linear structure

3.2

amylopectin

polysaccharide constituent of starch, the macromolecules of which have from 6 to 100 linked glucose units in a branched structure

4 Principle

Rice is ground to a very fine flour to break up the endosperm structure in order to aid complete dispersion and gelatinization; the flour is then defatted. A test portion is dispersed in a sodium hydroxide solution. An aliquot portion is taken to which an iodine solution is added. The absorbance, at 720 nm, of the colour complex formed is then determined using a spectrophotometer.

The amylose mass fraction of the sample is then read from a calibration graph, which is prepared using mixtures of potato amylose and amylopectin to make allowance for the effect of amylopectin on the colour of the amylose-iodine complex of the test solution.

5 Reagents

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

5.1 Methanol, a volume fraction of 85 %.

5.2 Ethanol, a volume fraction of 95 %.

5.3 Sodium hydroxide, 1 mol/l solution.

5.4 Sodium hydroxide, 0,09 mol/l solution.

5.5 Detergent solution.

Dissolve sodium dodecylbenzene sulfonate corresponding to a concentration of 20 g/l. Just before use, add sodium sulfite to a final concentration of 2 g/l.

5.6 Sodium hydroxide, for protein removal, 3 g/l solution.

5.7 Acetic acid, 1 mol/l solution.

5.8 Iodine solution.

Weigh, to the nearest 5 mg, 2,000 g of potassium iodide in a weighing bottle fitted with a stopper. Add sufficient water to form a saturated solution. Add 0,200 g of iodine, weighed to the nearest 1 mg. When all the iodine has dissolved, transfer the solution quantitatively to a 100 ml volumetric flask (6.6), make up to volume with water and mix.

Prepare a fresh solution on each day of use and protect it from light.

5.9 Stock potato amylose suspension, free of amylopectin, 1 g/l.

5.9.1 Defat the potato amylose by refluxing with methanol (5.1) for 4 h to 6 h in an extractor at a rate of 5 to 6 droplets per second.

The potato amylose should be pure and should be tested by amperometric or potentiometric titration. Some commercial preparations are impure and would give erroneously high results for the amylose mass fraction of rice samples. Pure amylose should bind 19 % to 20 % of its own mass of iodine. For checking the purity of amylose, see [Annex A](#).

5.9.2 Spread the defatted potato amylose on a tray and leave for two days to allow evaporation of residual methanol and for moisture content equilibrium to be reached.

Treat the amylopectin (5.10) and the test samples (see 8.1) in the same way.