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IULTCS, originally formed in 1897, is a world-wide organization of professional leather societies to further the advancement of leather science and technology. IULTCS has three Commissions, which are responsible for establishing international methods for the sampling and testing of leather. ISO recognizes IULTCS as an international standardizing body for the preparation of test methods for leather.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 18218-1:2015), which has been technically revised as follows:

- a new [clause 3](#) has been added, the following clauses have been re-numbered;
- the Note in [clause 8.1](#) has been deleted.

A list of all parts in the ISO 18218 series can be found on the ISO website.

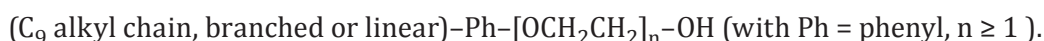
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Introduction

Nonylphenol ethoxylate belongs to the non-ionic surfactants. The biodegradation of nonylphenol ethoxylate releases the persistent pollutant, the branched nonylphenol. Nonylphenol is a hormonal acting substance that is toxic for waterborne organisms and many other organisms. For this reason the release of nonylphenol ethoxylate into the environment should be avoided.

In 2003 the European Directive 2003/53/EC restricted the sale and use of nonylphenol and nonylphenol ethoxylate in product preparations for industries with discharges to waste water. Preparations containing concentrations equal or higher than than 0,1 % of nonylphenol ethoxylate or nonylphenol were forbidden. This Directive is included as part of the EU Regulation 1907/2006 (REACH).

No detailed composition of the chemical substance nonylphenol ethoxylate can be given, it is assigned the general structural formula:



To cover the group of ethoxylates of 4-nonylphenol, branched and linear, the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) has assigned the substance the following definition: *4-nonylphenol, branched and linear, ethoxylated [substances with a linear and/or branched alkyl chain with a carbon number of 9 covalently bound in position 4 to phenol, ethoxylated covering UVCB and well-defined substances, polymers and homologues, which include any of the individual isomers and/or combinations thereof].*

In the leather industry nonylphenol ethoxylate and octylphenol ethoxylate surfactants have been used. However, the water insoluble substances, nonylphenol and octylphenol, have not been used. For this reason two different analytical procedures have been prepared for analysing leather samples.

This part of ISO 18218 is a method that directly determines the ethoxylated alkylphenol. It is an efficient procedure for the analysing of a larger number of leather samples. This procedure requires HPLC with triple quadrupole mass spectrometer (MSMS) to identify the nonylphenol ethoxylate and octylphenol ethoxylate.

ISO 18218-2 is a procedure for analysing the alkylphenol. The ethoxylated alkylphenol is cleaved to form the alkylphenol, which is identified using high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) or gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) equipment. This method can also be used to indirectly determine the alkylphenol ethoxylate content in leather.

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Leather — Determination of ethoxylated alkylphenols —

Part 1: Direct method

1 Scope

This document is a method for determining ethoxylated alkylphenols (nonyphenol ethoxylate [NPEO_n with $1 \leq n \leq 16$] and octylphenol ethoxylate [OPEO_n with $1 \leq n \leq 16$]) in leather. This direct method is especially suitable where a larger number of leather samples are to be checked for the presence of ethoxylated alkylphenols.

This method requires the use of high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with triple quadrupole mass spectrometer (MSMS) to identify and quantify the ethoxylated alkylphenols.

NOTE 1 In the leather industry, the most commonly used commercial ethoxylated alkylphenol has been the NPEO with an average of 9 EO. It has an optimum cloud point in water for the typical leather processing temperatures of 40 °C to 55 °C.

NOTE 2 ISO 18218-1 and ISO 18218-2^[1] use different solvents for the extraction of the ethoxylated alkylphenols from leather. Consequently, the two analytical methods are expected to give similar trends but not necessarily the same absolute result for the ethoxylated alkylphenol content in leather.

2 Normative references

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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 2418, *Leather — Chemical, physical and mechanical and fastness tests — Sampling location*

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 4044, *Leather — Chemical tests — Preparation of chemical test samples*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Principle

The leather sample is extracted in methanol using an ultrasonic bath. Subsequently, an aliquot of the solution can, after filtering, be directly analysed without further cleaning of the sample using high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with a triple quadrupole mass spectrometer (MSMS).

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5 Apparatus and materials

Normal laboratory apparatus and, in particular, the following:

- 5.1 **Ultrasonic bath**, with controllable heating capable of maintaining a temperature of (70 ± 5) °C.
- 5.2 **Glass container with a screw cap** (22 ml has been found suitable).
- 5.3 **Polypropylene or polyethylene syringe**, 2 ml.
- 5.4 **Syringe membrane filters**, pore size 0,2 μm , for use with syringe (5.3).
- 5.5 **Volumetric flasks**, 10 ml and 100 ml.
- 5.6 **Analytical balance**, weighing to 1 mg.
- 5.7 **Pipettes**, various sizes, 1 ml to 5 ml.
- 5.8 **Instrumental equipment**, high-performance liquid chromatograph with gradient elution and triple quadrupole mass spectrometer (HPLC-MSMS).

6 Chemicals

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If not otherwise defined, analytical reagent grade chemicals shall be used.

6.1 Methanol.

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6.2 Nonylphenol ethoxylate, NPEO_n with n = 9 – 10, CAS No. 68412-54-4, Sigma-Aldrich® Product No. T9284 (IGEPAL® CO-630)¹⁾, technical grade.

NOTE The brand name is given to improve the comparability of test results amongst laboratories. The commercial nonylphenol ethoxylate contains groups of ethoxylates of nonylphenol with linear and branched structures, so use of another reference can lead to different results. Only technical grade references are currently available from laboratory chemical suppliers.

6.3 Octylphenol ethoxylate, OPEO_n with n = 9 – 10, CAS No. 9002-93-1, Sigma-Aldrich® Product No. 542334 (Triton™ X-100)¹⁾, technical grade.

NOTE The brand name is given to improve the comparability of test results amongst laboratories. The commercial octylphenol ethoxylate contains groups of ethoxylates of octylphenol with linear and branched structures, so use of another reference can lead to different results. Only technical grade references are currently available from laboratory chemical suppliers.

6.4 Stock solution of nonylphenol ethoxylate and octylphenol ethoxylate, $\rho = 250$ $\mu\text{g/ml}$.

25 mg of the respective alkylphenol ethoxylate (6.2 and 6.3) are dissolved in different 100 ml volumetric flasks (5.5) with methanol (6.1) and filled up to the mark.

6.5 Calibration solutions of nonylphenol ethoxylate and octylphenol ethoxylate

Four calibration solutions of $\rho = 2,5$ $\mu\text{g/ml}$, $\rho = 5$ $\mu\text{g/ml}$ and $\rho = 10$ $\mu\text{g/ml}$ and $\rho = 50$ $\mu\text{g/ml}$ for each alkylphenol ethoxylate are prepared using the respective stock solution (6.4).

1) Sigma-Aldrich® Product No. T9284 (IGEPAL® CO-630) and Sigma-Aldrich® Product No. 542334 (Triton™ X-100) are examples of suitable products available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO or IDF of these products.