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European foreword

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Introduction

Food safety is a key aspect in terms of consumer protection. In the last three decades, globalization has taken place in the trade of food. Seafood trade channels are becoming steadily longer and more complicated so that sophisticated traceability tools are needed to ensure food safety. Correct food labelling is a prerequisite to ensure safe seafood products and fair trade as well as to minimize illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. Seafood products are increasingly being processed in export countries. Especially bivalves are often sold without the shells. That makes the identification of species by morphological characteristics impossible.

The development of harmonized and standardized protocols for the authentication of bivalve products is necessary to establish reliable methods for the detection of potential food fraud.

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1 Scope

This document describes a procedure for the identification of single bivalves to the level of genus or species.

The identification of bivalve species is carried out by PCR amplification of a segment of the mitochondrial 16S rRNA gene [1], [2] followed by sequencing of the PCR products and subsequent sequence comparison with entries in databases [5]. The methodology allows the identification of a large number of commercially important bivalve species.

This method has been successfully validated on raw mussels, however, laboratory experience is available that it can also be applied to processed, e.g. cold smoked, hot smoked, salted, frozen, cooked, fried, deep-fried samples.

This document is usually unsuitable for the analysis of highly processed foods, e.g. tins of mussels, with highly degraded DNA where the fragment lengths are not sufficient for amplification of the targets. Furthermore, it is not applicable for complex seafood products containing mixtures of two or more bivalve species.

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 16577, *Molecular biomarker analysis — Terms and definitions*

ISO 20813, *Molecular biomarker analysis — Methods of analysis for the detection and identification of animal species in foods and food products (nucleic acid-based methods) — General requirements and definitions*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

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

3.1 alignment

process or result of matching up the nucleotide residues of two or more biological sequences to achieve maximal levels of identity

[SOURCE: BLAST Glossary]

3.2 BLAST

Basic Local Alignment Search Tool [3]

sequence comparison algorithm optimized for speed used to search sequence databases for optimal local alignments to a query

Note 1 to entry: It directly approximates alignments that optimize a measure of local similarity, the maximum signal pair (MSP) score or high scoring signal pair (HSP) score.

prEN 17881:2022 (E)**3.3****FASTA format**

text-based format for representing either nucleotide sequences or amino acid sequences, which begins with a single-line description, followed by lines of sequence data

Note 1 to entry: The description line (define) is distinguished from the sequence data by a greater-than (“>”) symbol at the beginning.

EXAMPLE An example sequence in FASTA format is shown below:

> Sample_04_16SrRNA gene

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ATCACGTAGGATTTTAATGGGCGAACATACCAACCATTGAGACCGCCTACAGCCTCAGGATATCCGGAGCCAACATCGAGG
TCGCAAACCTTTCTCATCTATAAGAAGTATCAAAGAAAATAACGCTGTTATCCCCGGAGTAACCTCTTCTGTTAATCACTAA
ATAAAGTAAGTGGGTCGTCTATCAAACAAAGAAAAGAAAGAGTCTGATCTTGCTCTTTTGCTGCCCCAGCCAACAACAAAA
GTGGTAAGAATATCTCTGCCACTTAGTTAACAACCTTCACGGGGTCTTCTCGTCTATCACTTATATTTAAGCATTTGCACTT
AAAATTCAATTTTCATATAATTCAGCTAGAGACAGTTATAGGCTCGTCAATCCATTCACAGGGCCCCCAATTAGAGGGCCAT
AATTTAGCTACCTTAGCAGCCTTTACCGCATCCGTTAAGTCATCTCACTGGGAAGGAACGACCTACTATAAATACAGTAG
GCCATGTTTTTT
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[SOURCE: BLAST topics, modified]

3.4**GenBank**

comprehensive public database of e.g. genetic sequences [5]

Note 1 to entry: GenBank is part of the International Nucleotide Sequence Database Collaboration, which comprises the DNA DataBank of Japan (DDBJ), the European Nucleotide Archive (ENA), and GenBank at National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). These three organizations exchange data on a daily basis.

3.5**identity**

extent to which two (nucleotide or amino acid) sequences have the same residues at the same positions in an alignment, often expressed as a percentage

[Source: BLAST Glossary]

3.6**introgressed DNA**

DNA sequence (allele) from one taxonomic entity (species) incorporated in the gene pool of another, divergent entity (species) [6]

Note 1 to entry: Introgression has usually happened via hybridization and backcrossing of individuals belonging to different species.

3.7**NCBI****National Center for Biotechnology Information**

institution which houses molecular biology databases (e.g. GenBank) and provides the BLAST suite

3.8**nucleotide collection****nr/nt**

non-redundant database consisting of GenBank sequences, in which identical sequences have been merged into one entry

3.9**query**

sequence (or other type of search term) to which all of the entries in a data base are to be compared

[SOURCE: BLAST Glossary]

3.10**query coverage**

percentage of query covered by alignment to the data base sequence

[SOURCE: BLAST help]

4 Principle

DNA is extracted from bivalves and bivalves products applying a suitable method. A segment of approximately 550 base pairs (bp) of the 16S rRNA gene is amplified by PCR. In the further course, the nucleotide sequence of the PCR product is determined by a suitable DNA sequencing method (e.g. Sanger sequencing). The sequence is evaluated by comparison to sequence entries in databases, thus allowing the assignment to a bivalve species or genus according to the degree of identity with stored sequences.

5 Reagents and materials**5.1 General**

During the analysis, unless otherwise stated, use only reagents of recognized molecular biology grade and distilled or demineralized water or water of equivalent purity, according to ISO 20813. Regarding laboratory organization, see ISO 20813.

5.2 PCR reagents**5.2.1 Thermostable DNA polymerase (for hot start PCR)¹****5.2.2 PCR reaction buffer (including MgCl₂ or with separate MgCl₂ solution)¹****5.2.3 Deoxynucleoside triphosphate mix (dATP, dCTP, dGTP and dTTP)²****5.2.4 Oligonucleotides (see Table 1)**

Table 1 — Oligonucleotides for amplification of the 16S rRNA gene region [1], [2]

Name	DNA Sequence of oligonucleotide
16SAR	5'-CGC CTG TTT ATC AAA AAC AT-3'
16SBR	5'-CCG GTC TGA ACT CAG ATC ACG T-3'

5.2.5 Agarose**5.2.6 Suitable DNA length standard for assessing the amplification product length**

¹ During the collaborative study the laboratories used DNA polymerases and mastermixes of different commercial providers. Amplificates were produced successfully with all used mastermixes and DNA polymerases.

² Deoxynucleotide triphosphates can also be part of a commercial PCR master mix.

6 Apparatus

Apart from the usual laboratory equipment, the following equipment is required:

6.1 UV-spectrophotometer or fluorometer, to determine the concentration of DNA

6.2 Thermocycler

6.3 Gel electrophoresis device

6.4 Gel documentation system

6.5 DNA sequencer

7 Procedure

7.1 Sample preparation

It shall be ensured that the test portion used for DNA extraction is representative for the laboratory sample. In composed samples (e.g. seafood mixtures), single pure bivalve pieces have to be separated and analysed. With the analysis of samples composed of several pieces (e.g. bags with different scallops), test portions for every putative bivalve species are taken and analysed separately. To minimize the risk of amplifying adhering contaminants, test sample material shall not be taken from the surface of the laboratory sample. For further information regarding sample preparation, see ISO 20813.

7.2 DNA extraction

Concerning the extraction of DNA from the test sample, the general instructions and measures described in EN ISO 21571 should be followed, see ISO 20813. It is recommended to choose one of the DNA extraction methods described in EN ISO 21571:2005³, Annex A. Alternatively, commercial kits can be used for the extraction and purification of DNA.

7.3 PCR

7.3.1 General

The primers used for the amplification of the section from the mitochondrial 16S rRNA gene are universal primers. The primer pair 16SAR / 16SBR has been tested against a broad taxonomic range of bivalve species, and has only failed in a small minority of cases (< 5 % of species tested) [1].

7.3.2 PCR setup

The method was validated for a total volume of 25 µl per PCR. The reagents given in Table 2 should be used for the 16S rRNA PCR.

Reagents are completely thawed at room temperature and should be centrifuged briefly before usage. A PCR reagent mixture is prepared containing all PCR components in the given concentrations except for the DNA extract. The amount of PCR mixture depends on the total volume per PCR and the total number of the reactions including a sufficient pipetting reserve.

Positive PCR results are expected when using a DNA concentration of approximately 1 ng/µl reaction solution. If it is necessary to improve the PCR result, the inserted DNA quantity may be increased (e.g. to increase the yield of PCR product) or decreased (e.g. to avoid PCR inhibition).

³ EN ISO 21571:2005 is currently impacted by EN ISO 21571:2005/A1:2013.