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#### Introduction

This document includes a procedure for analysing certain cyclosiloxanes using gas chromatography (GC) with mass spectrometer (MS) equipment. With this analytical method octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane (D4), decamethylcyclopentasiloxane (D5) and dodecamethylcyclohexasiloxane (D6) can be determined.

In the leather industry cyclosiloxanes (D4), (D5) and (D6) are used in the manufacture of silicone-based waterproofing fatliquors and can also be used in the production of silicone-based finishing chemicals especially as handle modifiers.

At present, the official classification recognised in the EU is the following.

- Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane (D4) is classified as persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic. [1]
- Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane (D5) is classified as persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic. [2]
- Dodecamethylcyclohexasiloxane (D6) is classified as persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic. [3]

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