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1 Scope

This document specifies a procedure for the detection of a DNA sequence of the promoter region of the nopaline synthase gene (*P-nos*) from *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* and a procedure for the detection of the DNA transition sequence between *P-nos* and the neomycin-phosphotransferase gene (*nptII*) from the Tn5 transposon of *Escherichia coli* K12. The *nos*-promoter and the *P-nos-nptII*-construct are frequently found in genetically modified plants. The *P-nos* and *P-nos-nptII* specific methods are based on real-time PCR and can be used for qualitative screening purposes. For identification and quantification of a specific genetically modified plant (event) a follow-up analysis has to be carried out.

The methods described are applicable for the analysis of DNA extracted from foodstuffs. They may also be suitable for the analysis of DNA extracted from other products such as feedstuffs and seeds. The application of these methods requires the extraction of an adequate amount of amplifiable DNA from the relevant matrix.

The DNA sequence amplified by the *P-nos* element-specific method can be detected in samples which contain DNA of the naturally occurring Ti-plasmid of *A. tumefaciens*. For this reason, it is necessary to confirm a positive screening result. Further analyses are required using construct-specific or event specific methods.

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 21569, *Foodstuffs — Methods of analysis for the detection of genetically modified organisms and derived products — Qualitative nucleic acid based methods*

ISO 21570, *Foodstuffs — Methods of analysis for the detection of genetically modified organisms and derived products — Quantitative nucleic acid based methods*

ISO 21571:2005, *Foodstuffs — Methods of analysis for the detection of genetically modified organisms and derived products — Nucleic acid extraction*

ISO 24276, *Foodstuffs — Methods of analysis for the detection of genetically modified organisms and derived products — General requirements and definitions*

3 Terms and definitions

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