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European foreword

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Introduction

This document has been prepared by the experts of CEN/TC 454 'Algae and algae products'.

The European Committee for Standardization (CEN) was requested by the European Commission (EC) to draft European standards or European standardization deliverables to support the implementation of Article 3 of Directive 2009/28/EC for algae and algae-based products or intermediates.

This request, presented as Mandate M/547, also contributes to the Communication on “Innovating for Sustainable Growth: A Bio economy for Europe”.

The former working group CEN Technical Board Working Group 218 “Algae”, was created in 2016 to develop a work programme as part of this Mandate. The technical committee CEN/TC 454 'Algae and algae products' was established to carry out the work programme that will prepare a series of standards.

The interest in algae and algae-based products or intermediates has increased significantly in Europe as a valuable source including but not limited to, carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, and several pigments. These materials are suitable for use in a wide range of applications from food and feed purposes to other sectors, such as textile, cosmetics, biopolymers, biofuel and fertilizer/biostimulants. Standardization was identified as having an important role in order to promote the use of algae and algae products.

The work of CEN/TC 454 should improve the reliability of the supply chain, thereby improving the confidence of industry and consumers in algae, which include macroalgae, microalgae, cyanobacteria, Labyrinthulomycetes, algae-based products or intermediates and will promote and support commercialisation of the European algae industry.

This standard was developed with respect to standards EN 16802 [1], EN 17374 [2] and EN 17706 [3]. It shares the same extraction procedure with these standards. The detection procedure was modified by changing the isocratic elution condition into a gradient elution.

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1 Scope

This document describes a method for the determination of inorganic arsenic in algae and algae products by anion-exchange HPLC-ICP-MS following water bath extraction. The method is specifically designed for seaweeds containing inorganic arsenic and arsenosugar 408 (i.e. sulfate-arsinoylriboside). The peaks of inorganic arsenic and arsenosugar 408 are separated by gradient elution.

The method was initially tested and evaluated on the algae species *Ascophyllum nodosum*, *Fucus vesiculosus* and *Saccharina latissima*. Given the limited number of participating laboratories in the interlaboratory studies, this document is only validated for *Ascophyllum nodosum* and *Saccharina latissima*, but it can also be used for other algae 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.

EN 17399, *Algae and algae products — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 17399 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology 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 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviated terms apply.

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| As(III) | Arsenite |
| As(V) | Arsenate |
| HPLC | High performance liquid chromatography |
| ICP-MS | Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry |

5 Principle

Inorganic arsenic consists of As(III) and As(V). A representative test portion of the sample is treated with a diluted nitric acid and hydrogen peroxide solution in a heated water bath. Hereby the arsenic species are extracted into solution and As(III) is oxidized to As(V).

The inorganic arsenic is selectively separated from other arsenic compounds using anion exchange HPLC coupled online to the element-specific detector ICP-MS for the determination of the mass fraction of inorganic arsenic. External calibration with solvent matrix-matched standards is used for quantification of the amount of inorganic arsenic.