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Foreword

This document (EN 14352:2004) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 275 “Food analysis - Horizontal methods”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by January 2005, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by January 2005.

WARNING — Fumonisins are hepatotoxic, nephrotoxic and carcinogenic to rats and mice. Effects on humans are not fully known. Observe appropriate safety precautions for handling fumonisins. Any laboratory spills should be washed with 5 % solution of sodium hypchlorite. Acetonitrile is hazardous and samples shall be shaken using a shaker, which is housed within a fume cupboard.

The use of this standard can involve hazardous materials, operations and equipment. This standard does not purport to address all the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of fumonisin B₁ (FB₁) and fumonisin B₂ (FB₂) in maize based foods using high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) and immunoaffinity clean-up, see [1], [2], [3].

The method has been successfully validated in a collaborative study according to AOAC Guidelines for collaborative study procedures [4] to validate characteristics of a method of analysis for the determination of fumonisins in maize flour and corn flakes containing 323 µg/kg to 1414 µg/kg FB₁ and 90 µg/kg to 558 µg/kg FB₂.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.


3 Principle

Fumonisins are extracted from the sample with a mixture of water, methanol and acetonitrile. The filtered extract is purified by immunoaffinity column and fumonisins are eluted with methanol. The extract is evaporated and the residue is redissolved in a mixture of acetonitrile and water and o-phthaldialdehyde-2-mercaptoethanol (OPA-MCE) is added to form fluorescent fumonisin derivatives. The derivatives are analysed by reverse-phase high performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) with fluorescence detection.

4 Reagents

4.1 General

During the analysis, unless otherwise stated, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and only distilled water or water of grade 1 according to EN ISO 3696. Solvents shall be of quality for HPLC analysis.

4.2 Methanol

4.3 Acetonitrile

4.4 o-phosphoric acid, volume fraction \( \phi(\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4) = 85 \% \)

4.5 o-phthaldialdehyde (OPA)

4.6 2-mercaptoethanol (MCE)

4.7 Sodium dihydrogen phosphate solution, substance concentration \( c(\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4\cdot2\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 0,1 \text{ mol/l} \)

Dissolve 15,6 g of NaH₂PO₄·2H₂O in 1 l of distilled water.
4.8 **Disodium tetraborate solution**, \( c(\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 0.1 \text{ mol/l} \)

Dissolve 3.8 g \( \text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O} \) in 100 ml of distilled water.

4.9 **Sodium chloride** (NaCl)

4.10 **Disodium hydrogen phosphate** (\( \text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \))

4.11 **Potassium dihydrogen phosphate** (\( \text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4 \))

4.12 **Potassium chloride** (KCl)

4.13 **Hydrochloric acid** (HCl), concentrated

4.14 **Extraction solvent**

Mix 25 volume parts of acetonitrile (4.3) with 25 volume parts of methanol (4.2) and 50 volume parts of water.

4.15 **Acetonitrile-water solution**, volume fraction \( \phi(\text{CH}_3\text{CN}) = 50 \% \)

Mix 50 volume parts of acetonitrile (4.3) with 50 volume parts of water.

4.16 **Phosphate buffered saline (PBS)**

Dissolve 8.0 g of sodium chloride (4.9), 1.2 g of disodium hydrogen phosphate (4.10), 0.2 g of potassium dihydrogen phosphate (4.11) and 0.2 g of potassium chloride (4.12) in approximately 990 ml of water. Adjust pH to 7.0 with concentrated hydrochloric acid (4.13) and bring to 1 l with water. Phosphate buffered saline tablet or ready-to-use solutions can also be used.

4.17 **Imunoaffinity column (IAC)**

The column shall contain antibodies raised against FB₁ and fumonisin FB₂. The column shall have a total capacity of not less than 5 µg of fumonisins and shall give a recovery of not less than 90 % for FB₁ and FB₂ when applied as a standard solution in a mixture of methanol and PBS containing 5 µg of fumonisins. Up to 10 volume parts of methanol or acetonitrile may be used in the mixture with PBS. The columns shall be warmed up to room temperature before use.

4.18 **HPLC mobile phase**

Mix 77 volume parts of methanol (4.2) with 23 volume parts of sodium dihydrogen phosphate solution (4.7). Adjust to pH 3.35 with o-phosphoric acid (4.4). Filter the solution through a membrane filter (5.14).

The mobile phase composition may have to be adjusted to conform to individual HPLC column characteristics.

4.19 **Derivatization reagent**

Dissolve 40 mg of OPA (4.5) in 1 ml of methanol (4.2) and dilute with 5 ml of disodium tetraborate solution (4.8). Add 50 µl of MCE (4.6) and mix. The solution is stable for up to one week at room temperature in the dark in a capped amber vial.

4.20 **Stock solutions of FB₁ and FB₂**

Prepare a stock solution of FB₁ and a stock solution of FB₂ in acetonitrile-water (4.15) at a mass concentration of 50 µg/ml for each standard substance. Store the solutions at approximately 4 °C.
Fumonisin stock solutions are stable for at least 6 months when stored at approximately 4 °C.

### 4.21 Mixed fumonisins stock solution

Prepare a mixed stock solution by pipetting 1000 µl of the FB₁ stock solution and 500 µl of the FB₂ stock solution into a 5 ml volumetric flask. Dilute to the mark with the acetonitrile-water solution (4.15) and shake well to obtain a mixed stock solution containing 10 ng FB₁/µl and 5 ng FB₂/µl.

This solution is stable at + 4 °C for at least 6 months. Smaller volumes may be used to prepare the mixed fumonisins stock solution.

### 4.22 Mixed fumonisins standard solutions for HPLC

Prepare four HPLC mixed standard solutions in 5 ml volumetric flasks according to Table 1. Dilute each standard solution to volume (5 ml) with acetonitrile-water solution (4.15) and mix well.

This solution is stable at + 4 °C for at least 6 months. Smaller volumes may be used to prepare the mixed fumonisins standard solution.

#### Table 1 — Preparation of mixed standard solutions for HPLC

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