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Lebensmittel - Bestimmung von Citrinin in Lebensmitteln mit Flüssigchromatographie und Tandem-Massenspektrometrie (LC-MS/MS)

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## **European foreword**

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**EN 17203:2018 (E)****Introduction**

The mycotoxin citrinin is a polyketide secondary metabolite produced mainly post-harvest in food and feed by several fungi of the genera *Penicillium* (e.g. *P. citrinum*), *Aspergillus* (e.g. *A. candidus*), and *Monascus* (e.g. *M. purpureus*). Citrinin occurs mainly in stored grains like rice, maize, wheat, barley, oats, and rye. Citrinin can be found as a contaminant in red fermented rice with *Monascus purpureus* and its formulated dietary supplements.

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## 1 Scope

This document describes a procedure for the determination of the citrinin content in food (cereals, red yeast rice (RYR)), herbs and food supplements by liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS).

This method has been validated for citrinin in red yeast rice and in the formulated food supplements in the range of 2,5 µg/kg to 3000 µg/kg and in wheat flour in the range of 2,5 µg/kg to 100 µg/kg.

Laboratory experiences have shown that this method is also applicable to white rice, herbs such as a powder of *ginkgo biloba* leaves and the formulated food supplements in the range of 2,5 µg/kg to 50 µg/kg.

## 2 Normative references

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EN ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods (ISO 3696)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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## 4 Principle

A test portion is humidified with a hydrochloric acid aqueous solution and extracted with ethyl acetate/acetonitrile/glacial acetic acid mixture for 60 min. Magnesium sulfate and sodium chloride are added to the extract, agitated and centrifuged in order to expel water and allow phase separation from the mixture. An aliquot of supernatant is collected, filtered, isotopic labelled internal standard (ISTD) solution is added and analysed by reversed phase LC-MS/MS. Quantification is based on matching citrinin/citrinin-<sup>13</sup>C ratios and citrinin concentrations.

## 5 Reagents

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and water complying with grade 1 of EN ISO 3696, unless otherwise specified. Commercially available solutions with equivalent properties to those listed may also be used.

**5.1 Ethyl acetate**, analytical grade or higher.

**5.2 Acetonitrile**, LC-MS grade. .

**5.3 Glacial acetic acid (CH<sub>3</sub>COOH)**, analytical grade or higher.

**5.4 Glacial acetic acid (CH<sub>3</sub>COOH)**, LC-MS grade.

**5.5 Magnesium sulfate; anhydrous (MgSO<sub>4</sub>)**, analytical grade or higher.

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