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proche infrarouge sur des grains entiers

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Verfahren der Nahinfrarot-Spektroskopie bei ganzen  
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## European foreword

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In comparison with the previous edition, the following technical modifications have been made:

- updating normative references,
- change in the number of validation samples according to the new version of EN ISO 12099:2017,
- precision of the expression of the protein content,
- repeatability and reproducibility determined from 3 interlaboratory tests and addition of uncertainty according to EN ISO 12099,
- precision about practical use of precision,
- removal of informative annexes concerning 3 interlaboratory tests. All these data being included in technical report CEN/TR 17474<sup>1</sup> (Cereals (wheat and barley) - Technical Report of the interlaboratory studies for the determination of moisture and protein in whole kernels by near infrared spectroscopy) [1].

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## EN 15948:2020 (E)

### 1 Scope

This document defines a routine method for the determination of moisture and protein contents in whole kernels of wheat and barley using near infrared spectroscopy in the constituent ranges:

- for wheat:
  - moisture content minimum range from 8 % to 22 %;
  - protein content minimum range from 7 %DM to 20 %DM.
- for barley:
  - moisture content minimum range from 8 % to 22 %;
  - protein content minimum range from 7 %DM to 16 %DM.

This document describes the modalities to be implemented by the supplier (5.3 and 5.4) and the user of the method.

### 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 ISO 12099, *Animal feeding stuffs, cereals and milled cereal products - Guidelines for the application of near infrared spectrometry (ISO 12099)*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 12099 apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 4 Principle

The method is based on Near Infrared (NIR) spectroscopy, an indirect, correlative technique to predict the concentration of various constituents in organic samples. Linear or nonlinear regression modelling is used to relate NIR spectra to moisture or protein concentrations determined by officially approved standard methods (e.g. Artificial Neural Network (ANN) regression, Partial Least Squares (PLS) regression).



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