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Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Determination of iodine value

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a reference method for the determination of the iodine value (commonly known in the industry as IV) of animal and vegetable fats and oils, hereinafter referred to as fats.

[Annex B](#) describes a method for the calculation of the IV from fatty acid compositional data. This method is not applicable to fish oils. Furthermore cold-pressed, crude and unrefined vegetable oils as well as (partially) hydrogenated oils can give different results by the two methods. The calculated IV is affected by impurities and thermal degradation products.

NOTE The method in [Annex B](#) is based upon the AOCS Official method Cd 1c-85.[\[9\]](#)

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 661, *Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Preparation of test sample*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 iodine value IV

mass of halogen, expressed as iodine, absorbed by the test portion following the specified procedure, divided by the mass of the test portion

Note 1 to entry: The IV is expressed as a mass fraction in grams per 100 g of fat.

4 Principle

Dissolution of a test portion in solvent and addition of Wijs reagent. After a specified time, addition of potassium iodide and water, and titration of the liberated iodine with sodium thiosulfate solution.

NOTE [Annex B](#) describes a method for the calculation of the IV from fatty acid compositional data. However, this is not intended to be a rapid method. The method gives two results from one analytical procedure. The volumetric method is the reference method.

5 Reagents

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade.

WARNING — Attention is drawn to the regulations which specify the handling of hazardous substances. Technical, organizational and personal safety measures shall be followed. Wijs solution causes severe burns; vapours can cause lung and eye damage. A fume hood shall be used for the work.

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