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Originally, EN 12955:1999 "Foodstuffs - Determination of aflatoxin B<sub>1</sub>, and the sum of aflatoxins B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>, G<sub>1</sub> and G<sub>2</sub> in cereals, shell-fruits and derived products - High performance liquid chromatographic method with post column derivatization and immunoaffinity column clean up" was the basis for ISO 16050. In order to avoid having two equal standards on CEN- and ISO-level on the same topic, it was decided to take over ISO 16050 as EN ISO 16050 and to withdraw EN 12955 as soon as EN ISO 16050 is published.

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## **Foreword**

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a reverse-phase high-performance liquid chromatographic method, with immunoaffinity column clean-up and post-column derivatization, for the determination of aflatoxins in cereals, nuts and derived products. The limit of quantification for aflatoxin B<sub>1</sub>, and for the sum of aflatoxins B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>, G<sub>1</sub> and G<sub>2</sub>, is 8 µg/kg.

The method has been validated for maize containing 24,5 µg/kg, for peanut butter containing 8,4 µg/kg, and for raw peanuts containing 16 µg/kg of total aflatoxins. It has also been shown that this method can be used for oilseed products, dried fruits and derived products.

## 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.

ISO 3696:1987, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

## 3 Principle

The test sample is extracted with a mixture of methanol and water. The sample extract is filtered, diluted with water, and applied to an affinity column containing antibodies specific for aflatoxins B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>, G<sub>1</sub> and G<sub>2</sub>. The aflatoxins are isolated, purified and concentrated on the column then removed from the antibodies with methanol. The aflatoxins are quantified by reverse-phase high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with fluorescence detection and post-column derivatization.

## 4 Reagents

Use only reagents recognized analytical grade, unless otherwise stated.

**4.1 Water**, according to grade 1 of ISO 3696:1987.

**4.2 Sodium chloride**.

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