

English Version

**Foods of plant origin - Multimethod for the determination
of pesticide residues in vegetable oils by LC-MS/MS
(QuOil)**

Aliments d'origine végétale - Multiméthode de
détermination des résidus de pesticides dans les huiles
végétales par CL-SM/SM (QuOil)

Pflanzliche Lebensmittel - Multiverfahren zur
Bestimmung von Pestizidrückständen in pflanzlichen
Ölen mit LC-MS/MS (QuOil)

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European foreword

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- Annex E (informative) containing a list of abbreviations was added;
- The document has been editorially revised.
- Annex E (informative) contains a list of abbreviations.

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1 Scope

This Technical Specification describes a method for the analysis of pesticide residues in fatty oils of plant origin (essential oils are excluded). It has been validated in an interlaboratory test with olive oil. However, laboratory experiences have shown that this method is also applicable to other kinds of oils such as sunflower seed oil, sesame oil, flax seed oil, rape seed oil, grape seed oil, thistle oil and pumpkin seed oil.

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.

CEN/TS 17061:2019, *Foodstuffs — Guideline for the calibration and quantitative determination of chromatographic methods for the determination of pesticide residues and organic contaminants*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

4 Principle

The homogeneous sample is extracted with acetonitrile. After centrifugation, an aliquot of the organic phase is cleaned-up by dispersive solid phase extraction (D-SPE; sorbents PSA and C18). To separate co-extracted fat a freeze-out step of the acetonitrile phase can be applied. After clean up an additional centrifugation step is performed. The extracts are acidified by adding a small amount of formic acid, to improve the storage stability of certain base-sensitive pesticides. The final extract can be directly used for LC-MS/MS analysis. A scheme of the procedure is given in Annex C.

NOTE In contrast to the method described in EN 15662 [1], this procedure does not include any addition of water.

5 Reagents

Unless otherwise specified, use reagents of recognized analytical grade. Take every precaution to avoid possible contamination of water, solvents, sorbents, inorganic salts, etc.

5.1 Water, HPLC quality.

5.2 Acetonitrile, HPLC quality.

5.3 Methanol, HPLC quality.

5.4 Acetic acid.

5.5 Ammonium formate.

5.6 Formic acid solution in acetonitrile, volume concentration $\sigma = 5$ ml formic acid/100 ml :