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1 Scope

This document specifies a procedure for the determination of inorganic arsenic in animal feeding stuffs by anion-exchange HPLC-ICP-MS following water bath extraction.

This method was successfully tested in the range of 0,149 mg/kg to 9,69 mg/kg in the following animal feed matrices: rice meal, seaweed meal, fish meal, grass meal, complete feed (marine-based), complete feed (cereal based) and a synthetic solution.

NOTE Mineral feed matrices are not included in the scope of this method. It is good to perform a determination of the total arsenic content in such matrices.

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).

EN ISO 3696:1995, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods (ISO 3696:1987)*

3 Terms and definitions

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

4 Principle

This document describes a method for the determination of inorganic arsenic in animal feeding stuffs. Inorganic arsenic consists of arsenite, As(III) and arsenate, As(V). A representative test portion of the sample is treated with a diluted nitric acid and hydrogen peroxide solution in a heated water bath. Hereby the arsenic species are extracted into solution and As(III) is oxidized to As(V). The inorganic arsenic is selectively separated from other arsenic compounds using anion exchange HPLC (High Performance Liquid Chromatography) coupled online to the element-specific detector ICP-MS (Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry) for the determination of the mass fraction of inorganic arsenic. External calibration with solvent matrix-matched standards is used for quantification of the amount of inorganic arsenic.

5 Reagents

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and water conforming to grade 1 of EN ISO 3696:1995.

5.1 General

The concentration of arsenic species in the reagents and water used shall be low enough to not affect the results of the determination. Reagents should be of minimum p.a. quality where possible. Special facilities should be used in order to avoid contamination during the steps of preparation and measurement (e.g. laminar flow benches or comparable clean facilities).

When using a method of high sensitivity like ICP-MS, the control of the blank levels of water, acid and other reagents is very important. Generally ultra-pure water complying with grade 1 of EN ISO 3696:1995 (i.e. electrical conductivity below 0,1 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ at 25 °C) and acid of high purity, e.g. cleaned by sub-boiling distillation, are recommended.