
**Cereals — Determination of cadmium
content by graphite furnace atomic
absorption spectrometry with diluted
nitric acid extraction**

*Céréales — Détermination de la teneur en cadmium par
spectrométrie d'absorption atomique en four graphite et extraction à
l'aide d'acide nitrique dilué*



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Cereals — Determination of cadmium content by graphite furnace atomic absorption spectrometry with diluted nitric acid extraction

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of cadmium (Cd) in cereals.

It is applicable to rice, brown rice, wheat and maize by graphite furnace atomic absorption spectrometry (GFAAS) after extraction with diluted nitric acid (HNO₃). The limit of quantification is 0,002 mg/kg; it is approximate and dependent on the sample matrix as well as on the instrument conditions.

2 Normative references

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4 Principle

Cadmium (Cd) is extracted from the cereals using diluted nitric acid and then determined by graphite furnace atomic absorption spectrometry (GFAAS).

5 Reagents and solution

During the analysis, unless otherwise stated, use only reagents of recognized analytical purity and only water of grade 1 in accordance with ISO 3696.

5.1 Nitric acid (HNO₃), not less than 65 % (mass fraction) of approximately $\rho(\text{HNO}_3) = 1,4 \text{ g/ml}$.

5.2 Nitric acid solution (0,5 %, volume fraction), mix 0,5 volume parts of HNO₃ (5.1) and 100 ml volume parts of water.

5.3 Nitric acid solution (50 %, volume fraction), mix HNO₃ (5.1) and water in equal volume.

5.4 Palladium nitrate hydrate (Pd(NO₃)₂, 99,9 % purity).