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#### Käsitlusala:

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#### Foreword

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This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by November 2005, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by November 2005.

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This series Foodstuffs - Determination of nitrate and/or nitrite content consist of the following parts:

- Part 1: General considerations;
- Part 2: HPLC/IC method for the determination of nitrate content of vegetables and vegetable products;
- Part 3: Spectrometric determination of nitrate and nitrite content of meat products after enzymatic reduction of nitrate to nitrite;
- Part 4: Ion-exchange chromatographic (IC) method for the determination of nitrate and nitrite content of meat products;
- Part 5: Enzymatic determination of nitrate content of vegetable-containing food for babies and infants;
- Part 7: Continuous flow method for the determination of nitrate content of vegetables and vegetable products after Cadmium reduction.

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## 1 Scope

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NOTE Experiences have shown that the method is also applicable for total nitrite and nitrate content from 5 mg/kg up to 125 mg/kg calculated as sodium nitrite. For further information on applicability, see [1].

#### 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.

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

## 3 Principle

Nitrite in an aqueous extract of the test sample is treated with sulfanilamide and N-(1-naphthyl)-ethylenediamine dihydrochloride. The formed red compound is measured spectrometrically at a wavelength of 540 nm [2].

Nitrate in an aqueous extract of the analytical sample is converted into nitrite by nitrate reductase. This converted nitrite together with the nitrite which is already in the analytical sample reacts with sulfanilamide and N-(1-naphthyl)ethylenendiamine dihydrocloride. The colour intensity of this resulting red compound is measured in a spectrometer at 540 nm. The nitrate content is calculated from the difference between the spectrometric measurements.

#### 4 Reagents

#### 4.1 General

During the analysis, unless otherwise stated, use only reagents and materials of recognized analytical grade and water of at least grade 3 according to EN ISO 3696. When preparing solutions, the purities of the reagents available shall be taken into account.

## **4.2** Sodium hydroxide solution $c(NaOH) \approx 1 \text{ mol/l}^{1)}$

## 4.3 Carrez solution No. 1

Dissolve 150 g of potassium hexacyanoferrate(II),  $K_4[Fe(CN)_6] \cdot 3 H_2O$  in water and dilute to 1 000 ml. Store the solution in a brown bottle and replace it every two months.

#### 4.4 Carrez solution No. 2

Dissolve 230 g of zinc acetate, Zn (CH<sub>3</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub> · 2 H<sub>2</sub>O, in water and dilute to 1 000 ml.

<sup>1)</sup> c is the substance concentration