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## Introduction

The search for a genetically modified origin of ingredients is performed by means of the following successive (or simultaneous) steps. After sample collection, nucleic acids are extracted from the test portion. Extracted nucleic acids can be further purified, simultaneously or after the extraction process. Afterwards, they are quantified (if necessary), diluted (if necessary) and subjected to analytical procedures (such as PCR). These steps are detailed in this International Standard and in the following series of International Standards with the general title *Foodstuffs — Methods of analysis for the detection of genetically modified organisms and derived products*:

- *Sampling* (ISO 21568);
- *Quantitative nucleic acid based methods* (ISO 21570);
- *Nucleic acid extraction* (ISO 21571).

Further information about general requirements and definitions involving the steps cited above are collected in ISO 24276.

The qualitative detection of DNA target sequences is performed in order to obtain a yes or no answer to the question whether a certain target sequence is detected or not relative to appropriate controls and within the detection limits of the analytical method used and test portion analysed.

The specificity of the methods, as described in Annexes A to D, ranges from screening methods to detect common DNA sequences characteristic of GMOs, to specific identification of a genetic construct or a specific transformation event.

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard describes the procedure to qualitatively detect genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and derived products by analysing the nucleic acids extracted from the sample under study. The main focus is on polymerase chain reaction (PCR) based amplification methods.

It gives general requirements for the specific detection and identification of target nucleic acid sequences (DNA) and for the confirmation of the identity of the amplified DNA sequence.

Guidelines, minimum requirements and performance criteria laid down in this International Standard are intended to ensure that comparable, accurate and reproducible results are obtained in different laboratories.

This International Standard has been established for food matrices, but could also be applied to other matrices (e.g. feed and plant samples from the environment).

Specific examples of methods are provided in Annexes A to D.

## 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 21571:2005, *Foodstuffs — Methods of analysis for the detection of genetically modified organisms and derived products — Nucleic acid extraction*

ISO 24276:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Foodstuffs — Nucleic acid based methods of analysis for the detection of genetically modified organisms and derived products — General requirements and definitions*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 24276 apply.

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