
**Animal feeding stuffs — Determination of
nitrogen content and calculation of crude
protein content —**

**Part 1:
Kjeldahl method**

*Aliments des animaux — Détermination de la teneur en azote et calcul
de la teneur en protéines brutes —*

Partie 1: Méthode Kjeldahl



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Foreword

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ISO 5983 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Animal feeding stuffs — Determination of nitrogen content and calculation of crude protein content*:

- *Part 1: Kjeldahl method*
- *Part 2: Block digestion/steam distillation method*

Animal feeding stuffs — Determination of nitrogen content and calculation of crude protein content —

Part 1: Kjeldahl method

1 Scope

This part of ISO 5983 specifies a method for the determination of the nitrogen content of animal feeding stuffs by the Kjeldahl process, and a method for the calculation of the crude protein content.

The method does not measure oxidized forms of nitrogen or heterocyclic nitrogen compounds.

This method does not distinguish between protein nitrogen and non-protein nitrogen. If it is important to determine the content of non-protein nitrogen, an appropriate method should be used.

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 6498, *Animal feeding stuffs — Preparation of test samples*

3 Principle

The organic matter is digested by sulfuric acid in the presence of a catalyst. The reaction product is rendered alkaline, then the liberated ammonia is distilled and titrated. The nitrogen content is calculated and the result is multiplied by the conventional factor to obtain the crude protein content.

4 Reagents and materials

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade, unless otherwise specified, and distilled or deionized water or water of equivalent purity.

The reagents [except the standard materials (4.6)] shall be practically free from nitrogenous compounds.

4.1 Potassium sulfate.

4.2 Catalyst, either 4.2.1 or 4.2.2.

4.2.1 Copper(II) oxide (CuO).

4.2.2 Copper(II) sulfate pentahydrate (CuSO₄·5H₂O).

4.3 Sulfuric acid, $c(\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4) = 18 \text{ mol/l}$, $\rho_{20}(\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4) = 1,84 \text{ g/ml}$.