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## Foreword

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard describes a method for the analysis of pesticide residues in foods of plant origin, such as fruits (including dried fruits), vegetables, cereals and processed products thereof. The method has been collaboratively studied on a large number of commodity/pesticide combinations.

## 2 Principle

The homogeneous sample is extracted with the help of acetonitrile. Samples with low water content (< 80 %) require the addition of water before the initial extraction to get a total of approximately 10 g of water. After addition of magnesium sulfate, sodium chloride and buffering citrate salts, the mixture is shaken intensively and centrifuged for phase separation. An aliquot of the organic phase is cleaned-up by dispersive solid phase extraction (D-SPE) employing bulk sorbents as well as magnesium sulfate for the removal of residual water. Following clean-up with amino-sorbents (e.g. primary secondary amin sorbent, PSA) extracts are acidified by adding a small amount of formic acid, to improve the storage stability of certain base-sensitive pesticides. The final extract can be directly employed for GC- and LC-based determinative analysis. Quantification is performed using an internal standard, which is added to the extract after the initial addition of acetonitrile. A brief overview of the method is shown in the flowchart in Annex C.

## 3 Reagents

### 3.1 General and safety aspects

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### 3.2 Water, HPLC quality

### 3.3 Acetonitrile, HPLC quality

### 3.4 Methanol, HPLC quality

### 3.5 Ammonium formate

### 3.6 Magnesium sulfate, anhydrous, grit, e.g. Fluka No. 63135

Phthalates may be removed in a muffle furnace by heating to 550 °C (e.g. overnight).

### 3.7 Magnesium sulfate, anhydrous, fine powder

Phthalates may be removed in a muffle furnace by heating to 550 °C (e.g. overnight).

### 3.8 Sodium chloride

### 3.9 Disodium hydrogencitrate sesquihydrate