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**Cheese, cheese rind and processed  
cheese — Determination of natamycin  
content —**

**Part 2:  
High-performance liquid  
chromatographic method for cheese,  
cheese rind and processed cheese**

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# Cheese, cheese rind and processed cheese — Determination of natamycin content —

## Part 2: High-performance liquid chromatographic method for cheese, cheese rind and processed cheese

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 9233|IDF 140 specifies a method for the determination of natamycin mass fraction in cheese, cheese rind and processed cheese, of above 0,5 mg/kg and of the surface-area-related natamycin mass in cheese rind of above 0,03 mg/dm<sup>2</sup>.

### 2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 2.1

##### **natamycin content**

mass fraction of substances determined by the procedure specified in this part of ISO 9233|IDF 140

NOTE The natamycin content is expressed in milligrams per kilogram.

#### 2.2

##### **surface-area-related natamycin mass in cheese rind**

surface-area-related mass of substances determined by the procedure specified in this part of ISO 9233|IDF 140

NOTE The surface-area-related natamycin mass is expressed in milligrams of natamycin per square decimetre of cheese rind.

#### 2.3

##### **cheese rind**

outer layer of the cheese of thickness 5 mm, excluding the coating layer, if present.

### 3 Principle

A known quantity of sample is extracted with methanol. The extract is diluted with water followed by cooling to between –15 °C and –20 °C to precipitate most of the fat, followed by filtration. The natamycin content or surface-area-related natamycin mass is determined in the filtrate (after concentration, if necessary) by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).