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Futtermittel - Bestimmung von Selen mit Atomabsorptionsspektrometrie-Hydridtechnik (HD-AAS) nach Mikrowellen-Druckaufschluss (Aufschluss mit 65 % Salpetersäure und 30 % Wasserstoffperoxid)

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Foreword

This document (EN 16159:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 327 "Animal feeding stuffs", the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for the determination of selenium in animal feeding stuffs by hydride generation atomic absorption spectrometry (HGAAS) after microwave pressure digestion.

The method was successfully tested by an inter-laboratory study of CEN/TC 327/WG 4 in the range of 0,25 mg/kg to 74 mg/kg.

The limit of quantification is 0,5 µg/l of the test solution which corresponds to the calibration standard 2. Using a test portion of 0,5 g and a volume of the test solution of 25 ml after pressure digestion the limit of quantification is calculated as 0,125 mg/kg in the feed material.

NOTE A lower limit of quantification could be achieved – each laboratory has to prove it.

2 Normative references

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

EN ISO 6497, *Animal feeding stuffs — Sampling (ISO 6497)*

prEN ISO 6498, *Animal feeding stuffs — Guidelines for sample preparation (ISO/DIS 6498)*

3 Principle

Selenium is determined in the test solution by hydride generation atomic absorption spectrometry (fluorescence hydride generation atomic absorption) after microwave pressure digestion and a pre-reduction step.

The homogenised feeding stuff test sample is digested by nitric acid and hydrogen peroxide under pressure and high temperatures in a microwave-heated pressure digestion system.

Selenium ions of the test solution are reduced with hydrochloric acid to selenium (IV) and converted to selenium hydride (SeH_2) by sodium borohydride. This selenium hydride is transferred by a gas stream to a heated measurement cell and decomposed. The absorption at the selenium line at 196,0 nm corresponds to the amount of selenium.

NOTE Selenium (VI) is not determined by the hydridisation as described here. It is therefore necessary to adjust the digestion conditions and to exercise a pre-reduction step with hydrochloric acid to yield only selenium (IV).

Other digestion procedures with the same digestion efficiency or other measurement systems like FI-HGAAS or hydride generation inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry are possible (see Annex C).

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