

**Cereals - Determination of impurities content in maize  
(*Zea mays*, L.) and sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*, L.)**

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Céréales - Détermination de la teneur en impuretés dans le maïs (*Zea mays*, L.) et le sorgho (*Sorghum bicolor*, L.)

Getreide - Bestimmung von Besatz in Mais (*Zea mays*, L.) und Hirse (*Sorghum bicolor*, L.)

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## Foreword

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the term *Besatz* (impurities) and the method for the determination of its components. The term *Besatz* is used as a parameter for certain quality aspects in maize (*Zea mays* L.) and sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L.).

This method has been validated in an interlaboratory study via the analysis of samples containing natural amount of impurities, ranging from:

- 0,0 % to 2,7 % for broken grains;
- 0,2 % to 3,5 % for grains impurities;
- 0,5 % to 3,3 % for miscellaneous impurities;
- 1,8 % to 8,7 % for total impurities.

For further information on the validation, see Annex D.

## 2 Normative references

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ISO 5223, *Test sieves for cereals*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **Besatz**

all matters of a sample of grain other than the basic cereal of unimpaired quality

Note 1 to entry: It comprises the four fractions: broken grains (3.2), grain impurities (3.3), sprouted grains (3.4) and miscellaneous impurities (3.5).

Note 2 to entry: The sum of the four fractions is also called Total *Besatz*.

Note 3 to entry: Live pests are not considered as *Besatz*. They are specified as a separate criterion.

Note 4 to entry: A schematic summary on *Besatz* is given in Annex A.

### 3.2

#### **broken grains**

grains or pieces of grains which pass through a sieve with a circular mesh of:

- 4,5 mm in diameter for maize;
- 1,8 mm in diameter for sorghum

### 3.3

#### **grain impurities**

elements consisting of other cereals, grains damaged by pests, grains overheated during drying