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**Milk and milk products — Sensory  
analysis —**

Part 3:

**Guidance on a method for evaluation of  
compliance with product specifications  
for sensory properties by scoring**

*Lait et produits laitiers — Analyse sensorielle —*

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## Foreword

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- *Part 3: Guidance on a method for evaluation of compliance with product specifications for sensory properties by scoring*

## Foreword

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## Introduction

The purpose of ISO 22935|IDF 99 (all parts) is to give guidance on methodology for sensory analysis and the use of a common nomenclature of terms for milk and milk products.

ISO 22935|IDF 99 is divided into the three parts listed in the forewords.

ISO 6658 should be consulted for an overview of sensory methods other than the one provided in this part of ISO 22935|IDF 99.

Evaluation of labelling and packaging is not covered by ISO 22935|IDF 99 (all parts).

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# Milk and milk products — Sensory analysis —

## Part 3:

## Guidance on a method for evaluation of compliance with product specifications for sensory properties by scoring

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 22935|IDF 99 gives guidance on a general method for evaluation of compliance with product specifications for sensory properties based on sensory scoring and the use of a common nomenclature of terms.

The method is especially applicable in process and quality control performed regularly on a larger number of samples and/or with some time pressure and/or with a limited number of expert assessors available.

The results from the method may be part of product classification systems for domestic and international trade. Classification systems are not covered by this part of ISO 22935|IDF 99.

### 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 4121, *Sensory analysis — Guidelines for the use of quantitative response scales*

ISO 5492, *Sensory analysis — Vocabulary*

ISO 5496, *Sensory analysis — Methodology — Initiation and training of assessors in the detection and recognition of odours*

ISO 6658, *Sensory analysis — Methodology — General guidance*

ISO 8586-1, *Sensory analysis — General guidance for the selection, training and monitoring of assessors — Part 1: Selected assessors*

ISO 8586-2, *Sensory analysis — General guidance for the selection, training and monitoring of assessors — Part 2: Expert sensory assessors*

ISO 8589, *Sensory analysis — General guidance for the design of test rooms*

ISO 13300-1, *Sensory analysis — General guidance for the staff of a sensory evaluation laboratory — Part 1: Staff responsibilities*

ISO 13300-2, *Sensory analysis — General guidance for the staff of a sensory evaluation laboratory — Part 2: Recruitment and training of panel leaders*

ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

ISO 22935-1|IDF 99-1, *Milk and milk products — Sensory analysis — General guidance for the recruitment, selection, training and monitoring of assessors*

ISO 22935-2|IDF 99-2, *Milk and milk products — Sensory analysis — Recommended methods for sensory evaluation*

### **3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4121, ISO 5492, ISO 5496, ISO 6658, ISO 8586-1, ISO 8586-2, ISO 8589, ISO 22935-1|IDF 99-1 and the following apply.

#### **3.1**

##### **property**

(sensory analysis of milk products) overall appearance, consistency or odour/flavour of a sample

### **4 Principle**

Sensory properties of individual samples of milk and milk products are analysed under standardized conditions by a panel of expert milk and milk product assessors. Each assessor evaluates the samples independently of the other assessors and uses a discrete five point interval scale to estimate the magnitude of a possible deviation in a product from a pre-established sensory product specification. When the score of each assessor is 3 or lower, then the score is supplemented by common terms which describe the character of the sensory deviation. The mean values of the panel, supplemented with the representative terms when the mean values are lower than 3,6, gives the result of the method.

### **5 General test requirements**

The method shall be used in conjunction with ISO 22935-1|IDF 99-1 and ISO 22935-2|IDF 99-2. Follow also the general guidance on the methodology of sensory analysis given in ISO 6658. When relevant, it is also recommended that the general requirements for the competence to carry out tests given in ISO/IEC 17025 with supplemental documents specific for sensory testing laboratories (such as EA-4/09 <sup>[5]</sup>) be followed.

#### **5.1 Test room**

Conduct the sensory analysis in a special test room with standardized conditions which are monitored regularly when testing. See ISO 22935-2|IDF 99-2 and ISO 8589 for the characteristics of the room in which the tests are to be performed.

#### **5.2 Assessors**

Assessors shall be recruited, selected, trained and monitored to satisfy the criteria for expert milk and milk product assessors. See ISO 22935-1|IDF 99-1, ISO 8586-1, ISO 8586-2, and ISO 5496 for general guidance.

#### **5.3 Panel**

The number of assessors in the panel shall be at least three. See also ISO 22935-1|IDF 99-1 for additional requirements for assessors in the panel and ISO 22935-2|IDF 99-2 for general guidelines for the preparation of a panel.