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## Milk — Determination of alkaline phosphatase

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of alkaline phosphatase activity in milk.

The method applies to alkaline phosphatase activities not less than 1 µg of phenol per millilitre.

The method is also suitable for the determination of alkaline phosphatase activity in milk powder, buttermilk and buttermilk powder, whey and whey powder.

## 2 Terms and definitions

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

### 2.1

**alkaline phosphatase activity**

**ALP activity**

⟨alkaline phosphatase activity in milk⟩ quantity of phenol liberated by the sample determined according to the procedure specified in this International Standard

**NOTE** The alkaline phosphatase activity is expressed as the quantity of phenol, in micrograms, liberated by 1 ml of the sample or of reconstituted sample, under the conditions specified in this International Standard. Other International Standards (e.g. ISO 11816-1|IDF 155-1<sup>[6]</sup>, ISO 22160|IDF 209<sup>[7]</sup>) express alkaline phosphatase activity in milliunits per litre. The literature gives information on the equivalence of the different units used to express the alkaline phosphatase activity.

## 3 Principle

The sample is diluted with a buffer at pH 10,6 and incubated at a temperature of 37 °C for 1 h. Under these conditions, any alkaline phosphatase present in the sample liberates phenol from the disodium phenylphosphate added. The phenol liberated reacts with a quinoneimide (dibromoquinonechlorimide) to produce dibromoindophenol (blue colour) which is measured photometrically at 610 nm.

## 4 Reagents

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade, unless otherwise specified, and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity.