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# Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Determination of acid value and acidity

# 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies three methods (two titrimetric and one potentiometric) for the determination of the acidity in animal and vegetable fats and oils, hereinafter referred to as fats. The acidity is expressed preferably as acidity calculated conventionally.

This International Standard is applicable to refined and crude vegetable or animal fats and oils, soap stock fatty acids or technical fatty acids. The methods are not applicable to waxes.

Since the methods are complete non-specific, they cannot be used to differentiate between mineral acids, free fatty acids, and other organic acids. The acid value, therefore, also includes any mineral acids that may be present.

# 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 applies.

ISO 661, Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Preparation of test sample

ISO 3696, Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods

# 3 Terms and definitions

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

## 3.1

### acid value

number of milligrams of potassium hydroxide required to neutralize the free fatty acids present in 1 g of fat, when determined in accordance with the procedure specified in this International Standard

NOTE The acid value is expressed in milligrams per gram.

### 3.2

### acidity

content of free fatty acids determined according to the procedure specified in this International Standard

NOTE The acidity is expressed as a percentage by mass. If the result of the determination is reported as acidity without further explanation, this is, by convention, the acidity based on the oleic acid content.