
**Animal feeding stuffs — Determination of
nitrogen content and calculation of crude
protein content —**

**Part 2:
Block digestion and steam distillation
method**

*Aliments des animaux — Dosage de l'azote et calcul de la teneur en
protéines brutes —*

Partie 2: Méthode de digestion en bloc et distillation à la vapeur



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Foreword

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ISO 5983 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Animal feeding stuffs — Determination of nitrogen content and calculation of crude protein content*:

- *Part 1: Kjeldahl method*
- *Part 2: Block digestion and steam distillation method*

Animal feeding stuffs — Determination of nitrogen content and calculation of crude protein content —

Part 2:

Block digestion and steam distillation method

WARNING — The use of this method may involve the use of hazardous materials, operations and equipment. This part of ISO 5983 does not purport to address all the safety risks associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this method to establish appropriate health and safety practices and determine the applicability of local regulatory limitations prior to use.

1 Scope

This part of ISO 5983 specifies a method for the determination of nitrogen content of animal feeding stuffs according to the Kjeldahl method, and a method for the calculation of the crude protein content.

It is suitable for use as a semi-micro rapid routine method using block digestion, copper catalyst, and steam distillation into boric acid.

The method is applicable to the determination of greater than 0,5 % mass fraction Kjeldahl nitrogen in animal feeding stuffs, pet foods, and their raw materials.

The method does not measure oxidized forms of nitrogen nor heterocyclic nitrogen compounds.

The method does not distinguish between protein nitrogen and non-protein nitrogen.

NOTE If it is of importance to determine the content of non-protein nitrogen, an appropriate method can be used.

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 referred document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1871, *Food and feed products — General guidelines for the determination of nitrogen by the Kjeldahl method*

ISO 6498, *Animal feeding stuffs — Guidelines for sample preparation* ¹⁾

1) To be published. (Revision of ISO 6498:1998)