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# Caseins and caseinates — Determination of pH (Reference method)

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a reference method for the determination of the pH of all types of casein (acid caseins and rennet caseins) and of caseinates.

## 2 Terms and definitions

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

### 2.1

#### **pH of caseins and caseinates**

pH, at 20 °C, of an aqueous extract of casein or an aqueous solution of caseinate, as determined by the procedure specified in this International Standard

## 3 Principle

The pH of an aqueous extract of casein or an aqueous solution of caseinate is determined electrometrically using a pH meter.

## 4 Reagents

Unless otherwise stated, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and recently distilled water that has been protected from carbon dioxide absorption.

### 4.1 **Buffer solutions**, for calibration of the pH meter (5.2).

Two standard buffer solutions with pH values at 20 °C, which are known to the second decimal place and which bracket the pH value of the sample under test, e.g. a phthalate buffer solution of approximately pH 4 and a borax buffer solution of approximately pH 9. In addition, a phosphate buffer solution of approximately pH 7 may be used.

## 5 Apparatus

Usual laboratory equipment and in particular the following.

### 5.1 **Balance**, accurate to the nearest 0,1 g.

5.2 **pH meter**, minimum sensitivity 0,05 pH unit, with a suitable glass electrode and a calomel or other reference electrode.

### 5.3 **Thermometer**, accurate to the nearest 0,5 °C.