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Produits dérivés des corps gras - Esters méthyliques  
d'acides gras (EMAG) - Détermination de la teneur en  
ester et en ester méthylique de l'acide linoléique

Erzeugnisse aus pflanzlichen und tierischen Fetten und  
Ölen - Fettsäure-Methylester (FAME) - Bestimmung  
des Ester-Gehaltes und des Gehaltes an Linolensäure-  
Methylester

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## European foreword

This document (EN 14103:2020) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 307 "Oilseeds, vegetable and animal fats and oils and their by-products — Methods of sampling and analysis", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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In comparison with the previous edition, the following technical modifications have been made:

- a) note on natural nonadecanoic acid methyl ester added in the scope;
- b) new procedure to check nonadecanoic acid methyl ester purity, with new GC conditions, and reduction of the minimum GC purity (99,5 to 99,0 % (*m/m*));
- c) calculation of results revised by incorporation of theoretical flame ionization detector correction factor (TCF), this gives a better accuracy of the calculated contents in case of presence of methyl esters with short chains;
- d) new inter-laboratories study (ILS) conducted and precision adopted;
- e) new sample chromatograms recorded and added;
- f) calculation of the pattern of fatty acid methyl esters incorporated as informative Annex C;
- g) modification of the way of integration in 8.4 by taking all the peaks into consideration whereas in the previous edition all the peaks identified as fatty acid methyl esters were taken into consideration;
- h) increase of the FAME sample test portion in 8.3 to 250 mg whereas in the previous edition the sample test portion was 100 mg;
- i) document revised editorially.

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## 1 Scope

The purpose of this document is to describe a procedure for the determination of the ester content in fatty acid methyl esters (FAME) intended for incorporation into diesel oil. It also allows determining the linolenic acid methyl ester content. It allows verifying that the ester content of FAME is greater than 90 % (*m/m*) and that the linolenic acid methyl ester content is between 1 % (*m/m*) and 15 % (*m/m*).

The precision was established using FAMES with an ester content of 95 % (*m/m*) and 100 % (*m/m*) only, thus covering the range of the limit value. The method is also suitable outside of this range; however, precision for lower concentrations is subject to further work.

This method is suitable for FAME which contains methyl esters between C6 and C24.

NOTE 1 For the purposes of this document, the term “% (*m/m*)” is used to represent the mass fractions.

This method was elaborated for FAME samples from usual raw material. For FAME sample from unidentified raw material, a solution of the test sample is prepared without any internal standard addition, in order to verify the absence of natural nonadecanoic acid methyl ester or other unknown substances co-eluting with the IS.

NOTE 2 The calculation method of the pattern of fatty acid methyl esters is given in Annex C.

**WARNING** — The use of this method may involve hazardous equipment, materials and operations. This method does not purport to address to all of the safety problems associated with its use, but it is the responsibility of the user to search and establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

## 4 Principle

Determination of the mass percentage of total methyl esters of fatty acids and the mass percentage of linolenic acid methyl ester present in the sample, by gas chromatography according to a procedure using internal calibration (nonadecanoic acid methyl ester).