
**Foodstuffs — Determination of aflatoxin
B₁, and the total content of aflatoxins B₁,
B₂, G₁ and G₂ in cereals, nuts and
derived products — High-performance
liquid chromatographic method**

*Produits alimentaires — Dosage de l'aflatoxine B₁ et détermination de
la teneur totale en aflatoxines B₁, B₂, G₁ et G₂ dans les céréales, les
fruits à coque et les produits dérivés — Méthode par chromatographie
liquide à haute performance*



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Foreword

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a reverse-phase high-performance liquid chromatographic method, with immunoaffinity column clean-up and post-column derivatization, for the determination of aflatoxins in cereals, nuts and derived products. The limit of quantification for aflatoxin B₁, and for the sum of aflatoxins B₁, B₂, G₁ and G₂, is 8 µg/kg.

The method has been validated for maize containing 24,5 µg/kg, for peanut butter containing 8,4 µg/kg, and for raw peanuts containing 16 µg/kg of total aflatoxins. It has also been shown that this method can be used for oilseed products, dried fruits and derived products.

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 (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3696:1987, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

3 Principle

The test sample is extracted with a mixture of methanol and water. The sample extract is filtered, diluted with water, and applied to an affinity column containing antibodies specific for aflatoxins B₁, B₂, G₁ and G₂. The aflatoxins are isolated, purified and concentrated on the column then removed from the antibodies with methanol. The aflatoxins are quantified by reverse-phase high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with fluorescence detection and post-column derivatization.

4 Reagents

Use only reagents recognized analytical grade, unless otherwise stated.

4.1 Water, according to grade 1 of ISO 3696:1987.

4.2 Sodium chloride.