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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a highly efficient method for the determination of saturated and aromatic hydrocarbons (from C10 to C50) in vegetable fats and oils and foodstuff on basis of vegetable oils for which it has been interlaboratory validated, with online-HPLC-GC-FID [1], [2] and [3]. This standard is not intended to be applied to other matrices.

The method can be used for the analysis of mineral oil saturated hydrocarbons (MOSH) and/or mineral oil aromatic hydrocarbons (MOAH).

The method has been tested in an interlaboratory study via the analysis of both naturally contaminated and spiked vegetable oil samples and mayonnaise and margarine samples, ranging from 4 mg/kg to 197 mg/kg for MOSH, and from 2 mg/kg to 51 mg/kg for MOAH.

According to the results of the interlaboratory studies, the method has been proven suitable for MOSH and MOAH mass concentrations each above 10 mg/kg.

In case of suspected interferences from natural sources, the fossil origin of the MOSH and MOAH fraction can be verified by examination of the pattern by GC-MS.

## 2 Normative references

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EN ISO 661, *Animal and vegetable fats and oils - Preparation of test sample (ISO 661)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **mineral oil saturated hydrocarbons**

##### **MOSH**

paraffinic (open-chain, usually branched) and naphthenic (cyclic, alkylated) hydrocarbons

### 3.2

#### **mineral oil aromatic hydrocarbons**

##### **MOAH**

aromatic mainly alkylated hydrocarbons

### 3.3

#### **unresolved complex mixture**

##### **UCM**

complex mixture of saturated or aromatic hydrocarbons not resolved by gas chromatography such as branched paraffins, alkylated naphthenes and alkylated aromatics

## 4 Principle

The fractions of MOSH and MOAH are isolated and separated by an HPLC-GC-FID system. MOSH and MOAH fractions are separated on a silica gel column using a *n*-hexane/dichloromethane gradient and each transferred as 450 µl fractions to GC using the Y-interface [4], while triglycerides are kept on the HPLC column. Solvent vapours are discharged via a solvent vapour exit located between the uncoated pre-column and the GC separation column. Volatile components are retained by solvent trapping