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European foreword

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- b) automated titration system applying optical detection added as alternative;
- c) document revised editorially.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a titrimetric method for the determination of acid value in light coloured Fatty Acid Methyl Esters, hereinafter referred as FAME.

It allows the determination of acid value within a range of 0,10 mg KOH/g to 1,00 mg KOH/g.

NOTE 1 For the purposes of this document, the terms “% (m/m)” and “% (V/V)” are used to represent respectively the mass fraction and the volume fraction.

NOTE 2 For oils and fats the determination of acid value is specified in EN ISO 660 [1].

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

EN ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods (ISO 3696)*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

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acid value

number of milligrams of potassium hydroxide required to neutralise the free fatty acids present in 1 g of FAME, when determined in accordance with the procedure specified in this document

Note 1 to entry: The acid value is expressed in milligrams of potassium hydroxide per gram of sample.

Note 2 to entry: If the sample contains mineral acids these are determined as a part of total acid value. This method does not allow distinguishing between weak (from free fatty acids) and strong (from mineral acids, if present) acidity.

4 Principle

A test portion is dissolved in a suitable solvent mixture and titrated with a standardized solution of potassium hydroxide, using phenolphthalein as an indicator in order to detect the titration end point.