
**Animal and vegetable fats and oils —
Determination of polycyclic aromatic
hydrocarbons**

*Corps gras d'origines animale et végétale — Détermination des
hydrocarbures aromatiques polycycliques*





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Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Determination of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

1 Scope

This International Standard describes two methods for the determination of 15 polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in animal and vegetable fats and oils:

- a general method;
- a specific method for coconut oil and vegetable oils with short-chain fatty acids.

These methods are not quantitative for the very volatile compounds such as naphthalene, acenaphthene and fluorene. Due to interferences provided by the matrix itself, palm oil and olive pomace oil cannot be analysed using this method.

The quantification limit is 0,2 µg/kg for almost all compounds analysed, except for fluoranthene and benzo(*g,h,i*)perylene, where the quantification limit is 0,3 µg/kg, and indeno(1,2,3-*c,d*)pyrene, where the quantification limit is 1,0 µg/kg.

NOTE The results for olive pomace oil in [Annex B](#) show that this method is not applicable to this type of oil. The precision data determined are very poor.

Milk and milk products (or fat coming from milk and milk products) are excluded from the scope of this International Standard.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 661, *Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Preparation of test sample*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon

PAH

compound that contains two or more condensed (fused) aromatic hydrocarbon rings and the content of which can be determined according to the method specified in this International Standard

Note 1 to entry: The content is given in micrograms per kilogram.

Note 2 to entry: In general, PAHs are divided into light PAHs with two to four aromatic rings, and heavy PAHs with five or more aromatic rings.

EXAMPLE Light PAHs include:

naphthalene (CAS RN [91-20-3]), acenaphthene (CAS RN [83-32-9]), acenaphthylene (CAS RN [208-96-8]), fluorene (CAS RN [86-73-7]), anthracene (CAS RN [120-12-7]), phenanthrene (CAS RN [85-01-8]), fluoranthene (CAS RN [206-44-0]), chrysene (CAS RN [218-01-9]), benz(*a*)anthracene (CAS RN [56-55-3]), pyrene (CAS RN [129-00-0]).