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European foreword

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Introduction

Primary aromatic amines (PAAs) can occur in paper and board materials as residual basic chemicals for the production of azodyes and azo pigments. Furthermore, hydrolysis products of isocyanates especially from paper laminates may be a possible source.

A draft of a European Standard EN 13130-XX concerning the "Determination of Primary Aromatic Amines (PAAs) in Food Simulants" has been prepared by the standardization committee CEN/TC 194/SC1/TG9.

When preparing this standard it has been assessed by the laboratories participating that the photometric screening method described in part A of the draft of standard EN 13130-XX is not applicable for the examination of water extracts of paper and board materials due to interferences of extractable paper components which caused irreproducible test results.

Due to the advantages of the MS/MS-detection regarding selectivity and sensitivity the determination of primary aromatic amines by means of LC-MS/MS was found to be capable for water extracts of paper and board materials when preparing this standard.

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1 Scope

This document describes two representative methods for the determination of the extractable amount of specific primary aromatic amines (PAA) in a water extract of paper, board and pulp samples by means of HPLC with MS/MS detection which basically differ concerning the choice of the mobile and stationary phases. Deviating from this standard further methods may be applicable if it can be shown that comparable results can be achieved. A validation should be carried out by each laboratory.

It is applicable for the determination of the 22 primary aromatic amines (PAA) mentioned in the annex of Directive 2002/61/EC of 19th July 2002 amending Council Directive 76/769/EEC relating to restrictions on the market and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations (azocolourants) which are classified as carcinogenic categories 1A and 1B according to the CLP regulation and aniline.

The method described by this standard should be also applicable for the determination of further primary aromatic amines (PAA). A validation for every further analyte has to be done by the laboratory using this method.

The extractable amount of a primary aromatic amine (PAA) is expressed in mg PAA per litre water extract. This method is suitable for the determination of PAA with a working range of about 0,001 mg/l – 0,020 mg/l water extract.

Deviating from this standard further methods may be applicable if it can be shown that comparable results can be achieved. A validation should be carried out by each laboratory.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

EN 645, *Paper and board intended to come into contact with foodstuffs — Preparation of a cold water extract*

EN 647, *Paper and board intended to come into contact with foodstuffs — Preparation of a hot water extract*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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 <http://www.iso.org/obp>

4 Principle

4.1 General

The primary aromatic amines (PAA) are extracted with water according to EN 645 or EN 647. The corresponding extracts can generally be used for the HPLC-MS quantification without further preparation steps.

4.2 Interferences

As some of the PAAs are sensitive to light, it has to be ensured that the samples are protected from light at all stages of treatment.