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Technical Datasheet

Analysis Name: Dioxins by GC-MS/MS

Method Number: NQA-54.0012

Scope of Application: The method has been validated for Infant formula, milk powder, liquid milk, cereals (grains), oil and fat.

Description: This analytical method for polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDDs), polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs) and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in food uses microwave assisted extraction to isolate the fat/oil from the sample, followed by additional acid/base silica clean-up to remove interferences. Quantitative analysis of the extract occurs by gas chromatography / tandem mass spectrometry. The result is reported in both the fat portion and the total product. This result will be the same in both fields for pure fat/oil products. Samples that are less than 2% fat will only be reported as the total in product.

**Sample Weight
Required:** 300g

Method Reference: The method is based on the EPA 1613, revision B and Afnor Norm EN 1948-1/2/3/4

Analytical Platform: GC-MS-MS

Special Information: It is strongly recommended that samples be submitted in glass containers covered in foil or original finished product. If unavailable, samples will be analyzed, however please know there is a risk of elevated levels.

Because the fat percentage of the product is required to calculate the "on fat" test result, for non-oil sample submissions an appropriate test for fat will be added at the customer's expense.

Measurement and reporting of Dioxins are evaluated with a toxicity equivalency quotient (TEQ) that evaluates the toxicity of



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the mixture of compounds. To facilitate this, each congener is assigned a toxicity equivalency factor (TEF) which is the ratio of estimated toxicity for a particular congener to the toxicity of the most toxic compound: 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD).

The lower bound reported represents the lowest possible value based on the amount detected- this includes any values detected and non-detected compounds are considered as zero. The upper bound represents the highest possible amount accounting for any potentially present compounds below the quantitation limits of the method - this includes all detected values and the sum of each LOQ value for non-detected compounds.

Analyte Reported	Alias	Unit of Measure
Dioxins (WHO-TEQ) Lower Bound on Product	PCDDs/PCDFs	pg/g TEQ
Dioxins (WHO-TEQ) Upper Bound on Product	PCDDs/PCDFs	pg/g TEQ
Dioxins (WHO-TEQ) Lower Bound on Fat	PCDDs/PCDFs	pg/g TEQ
Dioxins (WHO-TEQ) Upper Bound on Fat	PCDDs/PCDFs	pg/g TEQ
Dioxins DL – PCBs (WHO-TEQ) – Lower Bound on Product	PCDDs/PCDFs/ Dioxin-like PCBs	pg/g TEQ
Dioxins DL – PCBs (WHO-TEQ) – Upper Bound on Product	PCDDs/PCDFs/ Dioxin-like PCBs	pg/g TEQ
Dioxins DL – PCBs (WHO-TEQ) – Lower Bound on Fat	PCDDs/PCDFs/ Dioxin-like PCBs	pg/g TEQ
Dioxins DL – PCBs (WHO-TEQ) – Upper Bound on Fat	PCDDs/PCDFs/ Dioxin-like PCBs	pg/g TEQ
PCB NDL (28, 52, 101, 138, 153, 180) – Lower Bound on Product	PCBs	ng/g
PCB NDL (28, 52, 101, 138, 153, 180) – Upper Bound on Product	PCBs	ng/g
PCB NDL (28, 52, 101, 138, 153, 180) – Lower Bound on Fat	PCBs	ng/g
PCB NDL (28, 52, 101, 138, 153, 180) – Upper Bound on Fat	PCBs	ng/g



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Compounds included in the calculated totals reported:

Total Dioxin/Furan TEQ	Total TEQ	Total PCB
2,3,7,8-TCDD	2,3,7,8-TCDD	PCB 28 2,4,4'-TrCB
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	PCB 52 2,2',5,5'-TCB
1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	PCB 101 2,2',4,5,5'-PeCB
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	PCB 138 2,2',3,4,4',5'-HxCB
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	PCB 153 2,2',4,4',5,5'-HxCB
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	PCB 180 2,2',3,4,4',5,5'-HpCB
OCDD	OCDD	
2,3,7,8-TCDF	2,3,7,8-TCDF	
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	
2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	
1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	
2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF	2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF	
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	
1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	
OCDF	OCDF	
	PCB 77 3,3',4,4'-TCB	
	PCB 81 3,4,4',5-TCB	
	PCB 126 3,3',4,4',5-PeCB	
	PCB 169 3,3',4,4',5,5'-HxCB	
	PCB 105 2,3,3',4,4'-PeCB	
	PCB 114 2,3,4,4',5-PeCB	
	PCB 118 2,3',4,4',5-PeCB	
	PCB 123 2',3,4,4',5-PeCB	
	PCB 156 2,3,3',4,4',5-HxCB	
	PCB 157 2,3,3',4,4',5'-HxCB	
	PCB 167 2,3',4,4',5,5'-HxCB	
	PCB 189 2,3,3',4,4',5,5'-HpCB	