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Foreword

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Introduction

For implementation of REACH (1907/2006), annex XVII, designation 53 [1] the European Commission asked CEN to develop an European Technical Specification with test methods for measuring levels of PFOS containing compounds in preparations, semi-finished products and articles including textile and coated

1 Scope

This Technical Specification describes the determination of perfluorooctanesulfonate (PFOS) in concentrated extracts from coated and impregnated solid articles, liquids and fire extinguishing foams using high performance liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-tandemMS) or quadrupole mass spectrometry (LC-qMS).

The method is applicable for a concentration range for PFOS in the extract solution of 0,5 µg/l to 50 µg/l.

WARNING — Persons using this Technical Specification should be familiar with normal laboratory practice. This Technical Specification does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to ensure compliance with any national regulatory conditions.

IMPORTANT — It is absolutely essential that tests conducted in accordance with this Technical Specification be carried out by suitably qualified staff.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 20187, *Paper, board and pulps — Standard atmosphere for conditioning and testing and procedure for monitoring the atmosphere and conditioning of samples (ISO 187:1990)*

EN ISO 2419, *Leather — Physical and mechanical tests — Sample preparation and conditioning (ISO 2419:2006)*

EN ISO 3696:1995, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods (ISO 3696:1987)*

EN ISO 8130-9, *Coating powders — Part 9: Sampling (ISO 8130-9:1992*)

EN ISO 15194, *In vitro diagnostic medical devices — Measurement of quantities in samples of biological origin — Requirements for certified reference materials and the content of supporting documentation (ISO 15194:2009)*

ISO 8466-1, *Water quality — Calibration and evaluation of analytical methods and estimation of performance characteristics — Part 1: Statistical evaluation of the linear calibration function*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1
analyte
substance or chemical constituent that is subjected to measurement

3.2
blank matrix
matrix which is largely identical with the analytical one, but does not contain the analyte or contains it in low and known content

NOTE Blanks are used to check the analytical process.

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3.3
constituents
all pure chemical materials and substances of which a material is composed

3.4
extract
concentrated preparation of the analytes isolated from the treated material

3.5
foams
fire extinguishing foams

3.6
overall treated materials
materials with a seamless finish

3.7
internal standard
compound different from the analyte, present in the sample with known content or added to the sample, simultaneously detected with the analyte, with physical and chemical properties as similar as possible to the analyte

3.8
reference material
RM
material, sufficiently homogeneous and stable regarding one or more properties, used in calibration, assignment of a value to another material, or quality assurance (conform EN ISO 15194)

3.9
coated materials
materials that are treated with chemicals to provide them with water and soil repellent properties; or treated for aesthetic or decorative reasons

4 Symbols and abbreviations

tdecoane 3n81o st arep.92 403n81o

Table 1 — Analytes determinable by this method

Compound name	Chemical formula	Acronym	CAS No.
Perfluorooctane sulphonic acid	C8F17SO3H	PFOS	1763-23-1
Perfluorooctane sulphonamide	C8F17SO2NH2	PFOSA	754-91-6
N-Methyl-heptadecafluorooctane sulphonamide	C8F17SO2NH(CH3)	N-Me-FOSA	N.A.[a]
N-Ethyl-			

6.2 Equipment

Use equipment free from glass (e.g. PP, PE):

— cutting die or template and cutting tool to measure and cut area materials (textiles, leather, paper, etc.). Mill to grind granular bulk solids;

— 125 µm sieve;

— volumetric flasks, with inert stopper;

— vials, polypropylene or polyethylene;

— ultrasonic bath, equipped with adjustable and stable bath temperature (20 °C to 70 °C);

— concentration equipment (e.g. hydrophilic lipophilic base, SPE, weak anion exchange resin or rotavapor);

— high performance liquid chromatograph, temperature-controlled and with all required accessories including gases, LC columns, injector and a mass spectrometric detector either tandemMS or qMS. Alternative methods e.g. LC-/TOFMS are discussed in Annex A.

6.3 Reagents for extraction

6.3.1 Methanol, CH_3OH (ultra pure).

6.4 Reagents for LC and MS

6.4.1 Water, complying with at least grade 3 as specified in EN ISO 3696:1995, also applicable for blank determinations.

6.4.2 Acetic Acid, $w(CH_3COOH) \geq 99{,}9$ %.

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Solutions of the reference compounds are available commercially. They should be diluted to required concentrations.

If reference compounds are obtained as neat, weigh 100 mg of each standard separately into a 100 ml volumetric flask and make up to the mark with methanol. Dilute this solution with methanol at a ratio 1:1 000.

The impurity levels of the internal standards should be determined prior to the use of new of every new lot.

6.4.8 Range of calibration solutions, in concentration range 0,5 µg/l to 50 µg/l.

7 Sampling

7.1 General

The chosen sample should be representative for the lot it is taken from. This document describes two different ways of reporting results which require two different ways of sample collection. One way is based on the content per area (mass/area). The other way is based on content per mass (mass/percentage).

7.2 Conditioning samples

Materials and samples shall be stored preferably at 4 °C and in clean containers, see 6.2, before testing.

Conditioning of leather shall be done according to EN ISO 2419.

Conditioning of paper shall be done according to EN 20187.

7.3 Sampling solids

7.3.1 Coated materials like paper, textile, leather, carpets, clothes and footwear

If applicable take a sample of at least 200 cm^2 using a cutting die or any other suitable tool and template; weigh the sample to make sure results can be reported as well in percentage/weight as in micrograms per square metre.

NOTE Make sure that the sample is not stretched (be aware that crinkled materials can easily have a much higher surface area).

If the material is not suitable to provide area-based samples, take a sample by weight, using at least 2 g of material.

7.3.2 Non-coated materials

Powders, granulates and other bulk materials shall be sampled according to EN ISO 8130-9.

For any other material an appropriate representative amount of the product shall be cut off, see 7.3.1.

7.4 Sampling products that have separate distinct parts

Products consisting of separate distinctive parts shall be dismounted and each part shall be treated according to 7.3.1.

7.5 Sampling liquids

The samples for testing shall be taken and delivered by the supplier using a method which will provide a representative sample of the liquid to be tested.

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e) Transfer an aliquot to a LC vial and analyse the sample. If high PFOS concentrations are expected, begin with the highest dilution (1:10 000 v/v) to avoid a carry over.

NOTE 1 The dilution error introduced by this method should be much smaller than the analytical error involved in the method. As a general rule the dilution error should be less than 1 %.

NOTE 2 If it is possible and necessary a dilution of 1:10 v/v or a direct injection of the sample with internal standard solution is allowed.

9.4 Extraction method for other liquids

There is no best practice method available for the extraction of other liquids which cannot be extracted with SPE. The method in 9.3 may be used as an example for the extraction of other liquids.

NOTE ISO 25101 [4] describes a method for the determination of PFOS in unfiltered samples of drinking water, ground water and surface water.

10 Interference with LC-tandemMS

identification points required would be 3, and therefore LC-tandemMS (triple quad) using two transition products, or LC-qMS (single quad) using three ions typically qualify for the confirmation of PFOS, see also Annex C.

NOTE 1 The determination of the accurate mass (e.g. with Time of Flight MS) can be used for a confirmation of a positive result.

Identify the sample component by matching both retention times and relative intensities of the monitored ions (Table 2) of the sample components and the reference substances.

The target compound is present (identified) in the sample if the relative or the absolute sample component retention time measured in the mass chromatogram matches the relative or the absolute retention time of the

12 System suitability test

12.1 Calibration

12.1.1 General requirements

The calibration is based on solutions containing the analytes of interest and reference compounds (Table 2).

Ensure there is a linear dependence between signal and concentration. The working range will be from 0,5 µg/l to 50 µg/l for each compound (see 0). Determine the linear working range using at least five measurements at different concentrations conform ISO 8466-1.

The calibration curve for a substance is valid only for the measured concentration range. Additionally, the calibration curve depends on the condition of the instrument which shall be checked regularly. For routine analysis, a check (i.e. continuing calibration check) of the calibration curve by means of two-point calibration is sufficient.

For routine analysis, a single calibration over the total analytical run with labelled reference solutions shall be applied. As the calibration is performed over the total procedure with reference solutions, determination of the recoveries is not necessary, but should be recorded for quality control purposes.

Table 3 gives an explanation of the subscripts used in the equations and in the following text.

Table 3 — Explanation of subscripts

Subscript	Meaning
i	Identity of the substance
e	Calibration step
l	Identity of labelled reference solution
g	Overall procedure

12.1.2 Calibration over the total procedure with reference compounds

Calibrations shall be done using the linear isomer.

Use the same solvent composition for the working standard solutions and the extracts.

y_{leg} is the dependent variable corresponding to the measured response, expressed in units depending on the analytical method, e.g. area value, for a given ρ_{leg} of the labelled reference solution *l* in the calibration;

ρ_{leg} is the independent variable corresponding to the mass concentration, expressed in nanograms per millilitre, of substance *i* in the calibration solution;

ρ_{leg} is the independent variable corresponding to the mass concentration, expressed in nanograms per millilitre, of the labelled reference solution *l* in the calibration solution;

a_{ig} is the slope of the calibration curve of substance I from y_{ieg} as a function of the mass concentration ratio
$\rho_{leg} / _{leg}$, often called the response factor;

b_{ig} is the ordinate intercept of the calibration curve of substance i;

a_{lg} is the slope of the calibration curve of reference standard from y_{leg} as a function of the mass concentration ρ_{eg}, often called the response factor;

b_{lg} is the ordinate intercept of the calibration curve of reference standard.

12.2 Recovery

The recovery of labelled reference compound shall be in the range from 70 % to 125 % for the sample to be considered valid.

12.3 Blank measurement

The procedural blank shall be at least threefold less than the limit of quantification of the method.

13 Calculation

13.1 Calibration curve for quantification

Quantify the samples by using the unextracted external calibration curve. Only the calibration procedure should be standardised by selecting some calibration curve points, but not the concentration of the standard solutions. Concentrations used in the calibration curve shall bracket the concentrations in samples. Discard, if necessary, high or low points on the curve to provide a better linear fit over the curve range most appropriate to the set of samples being analysed. Standards shall be injected regularly to check for the stability and

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The correction for the recovery should not be applied to the compounds other than the corresponding non-labelled one.

Starting from the ρ_{kf} or ρ_{ig} concentrations in micrograms per litre calculate the concentration on the starting sample, by applying the dilution and/or concentration and/or portion factors used for the extraction procedure.

The concentration of the compound *i* on the sample ${}^{i}C_{measured}$ should be calculated and reported as:

— micrograms per square metre for coated materials; and

— percent by weight for all other types of sample.

13.3 Calculation of results to PFOS equivalents

The sample may contain several PFOS related species and they shall all be taken into account for calculating the total PFOS concentration. The molecular weights of the various PFOS related species in a sample can cover a wide range of values. The aggregation of the amounts of the different species is therefore achieved as follows:

The measured concentration of each extractable PFOS related compound should be expressed as the corresponding concentration of PFOS acid ($C_8F_{17}SO_3H$) scaling on a molar basis in accordance with the Equation (7):



(7)

where

${}^{compi}C_{measured}$ is the measured concentration of the PFOS related compound I;

${}^{compi}MW$ is the molecular weight of the PFOS related compound I;

${}^{[PFOS,acid]}MW$ is the molecular weight of the PFOS acid (i.e. 500,13);

${}^{compi}C_{[PFOS_acid]}$ is the requested concentration of the compound I expressed as PFOS acid.

The total PFOS concentration is the sum of the concentration of all the measured species expressed as PFOS acid in accordance with the Equation (8):



(8)

14 Expression of results

Report the results of compounds listed in Table 1 in micrograms per square metre for coated materials and in percent by weight for the other types of samples to two significant figures.

a) Report each result in two significant figures. Report the result of each of the compounds found, listed in Table 1, including:

   1) the compound measured concentration in:

      i) micrograms per square metre of analysed sample for coated materials;

      ii) % by weight of analysed sample for the other type of samples;

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g) report the limit of quantification (LOQ) and the limit of detection (LOD);

h) report the sample intake (in grams or square metres).

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Annex A
(informative)

LC-QMS and LC-TOFMS

A.1 General

Liquid chromatography with single quad mass spectrometry (LC-QMS) can only be used if additional clean up steps have been taken and the user has demonstrated that the level of uncertainty obtained by the LC-QMS method is equivalent to the uncertainty obtained with the LC-tandemMS method.

A.2 Example for operating conditions for LC-tandemMS

Table A.1 — LC-tandemMS operating conditions

LC conditions		
injection volume:	10 µl	
flow rate:	0,3 ml/min	
Mobile phase:	(A) 9:1 2mM ammonium acetate aqueous solution/methanol	
	(B) methanol	
guard column:	stationary phase:	Zorbax XDB-C8
	length:	12,5 mm
	inner diameter:	2,1 mm
	particle size:	5 µm
main column:	stationary phase:	Betasil C18
	length:	50 mm
	inner diameter:	2,1 mm
	particle size:	5 µm
column temperature:	30 °C	
gradient program (B %)	30 % at 0,0 min, increase to 85 % at 18 min and keep at the level until 20 min before reversion to original conditions.	
MS conditions		
type:	Quadrupole	

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ionization:	ESl negative	
mode:	MRM	
capillary voltage	1 kV	
temperatures:	MS source:	120 °C
	desolvation temperature	450 °C
Flow	Cone gas flow	60 l/h
	desolvation gas flow	740 l/h
cone voltage	for PFOS	90 V
collision energy	for PFOS	35 eV

A.3 Example for operating conditions for Time-of-Flight MS (TOF-MS)

Aliquots (25 µl to 50 µl) are injected automatically on a HPLC coupled to ESI time-of-flight-high-resolution MS in the negative ion mode (HPLC-Q-ToF-HRMS ESI). PFCs can be separated on an ACE C18 column (150 − 2,1 mm, 3 µm particle size) using a gradient of 200 µl/min methanol and water (both with 2 mM NH_4OAc). The

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A.4 Example for operating condition for ion-trap MS

Table A.3 — Ion-trap MS operating conditions

HPLC system	
HPLC column (type and manufacture)	C18 3u
HPLC column (dimensions)	50 mm × 4,6 mm
Pre-column (type, manufacture)	n.a.
Pre-column (dimensions)	n.a.

Interface type (ESI or other)	ESI
Spray direction (orthogonal, z-spray, direct or other)	z-spray
Source temp. (°C):	230
Desolvation gas type and flow	n.a.
Desolvation temp. (°C):	n.a.
Capillary voltage (kV)	2
Cone gas type and flow	nitrogen set 15
Nebuliser gas type and flow	nitrogen set 50 & 10
Collision gas type	n.a.
Ions	
Compound specific MS-settings incl. quant. ion /transition	Cone Voltage (V)
PFOS	22

Annex B
(informative)

Sampling of liquids (example)

Equipment: three empty and unused containers, a liquid sampler according to EN ISO 8130-9 or a siphon or similar (e.g. pipette, plunger elevator, etc.).

The recommended sample volume is 200 ml to 500 ml, depending on the necessary analysis that is to be performed.

Before the sample is taken, the stock it is taken from shall be agitated or homogenised to provide a representative sample. If this is not possible depending on the liquid layer thickness do the following:

— liquid layer thickness > 1 m, take three samples (surface, middle and bottom) and combine even volumes into one sample. Homogenise the sample before further processing;

— liquid layer thickness > 0,2 m and < 1 m, take two samples and combine even volumes into one sample. Homogenise the sample before further processing;

— liquid layer thickness < 0,2 m, take one sample.

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Annex C
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Confirmation of compound identity by MS methods

C.1 General

The text in Annex C has been adopted from Commission Decision 2002/657/EC [5] of 14 August 2002.

Implementing Council Directive 96/23/EC [6] concerning the performance of analytical methods and the interpretation of results (notified under document number C(2002) 3044):

"Confirmatory methods for organic residues or contaminants shall provide information on the chemical structure of the analyte. Consequently methods based only on chromatographic analysis without the use of spectrometric detection are not suitable on their own for use as confirmatory methods. However, if a single technique lacks sufficient specificity, the desired specificity shall be achieved by analytical procedures consisting of suitable combinations of clean-up, chromatographic separation(s) and spectrometric detection."

Among the methods or method combinations considered suitable for the identification of organic residues or contaminants for the substance groups indicated are mass spectrometric methods (see Table C.1):

Table C.1 — Suitable confirmatory methods for organic residues or contaminants

Measuring technique	Limitations

C.2.3 Mass spectrometric detection

Mass spectrometric detection shall be carried out by employing MS-techniques such as recording of full mass spectra (full scans) or selected ion monitoring (SIM), as well as MS-MSn techniques such as Selected Reaction Monitoring (SRM), or other suitable MS or MS-MSn techniques in combination with appropriate ionisation modes. In high-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS), the resolution shall typically be greater than 10 000 for the entire mass range at 10 % valley.

Full scan: When mass spectrometric determination is performed by the recording of full scan spectra, the presence of all measured diagnostic ions (the molecular ion, characteristic adducts of the molecular ion, characteristic fragment ions and isotope ions) with a relative intensity of more than 10 % in the reference spectrum of the calibration standard is obligatory.

SIM: When mass spectrometric determination is performed by fragmentography, the molecular ion shall preferably be one of the selected diagnostic ions (the molecular ion, characteristic adducts of the molecular ion, characteristic fragment ions and all their isotope ions). The selected diagnostic ions should not exclusively originate from the same part of the molecule. The signal-to-noise ratio for each diagnostic ion shall be > 3:1.

Full scan and SIM: The relative intensities of the detected ions, expressed as a percentage of the intensity of the most intense ion or transition, shall correspond to those of the calibration standard, either from calibration standard solutions or from spiked samples, at comparable concentrations, measured under the same conditions, within the following tolerances (Table C.2):

Table C.2 — Maximum permitted tolerance4.6(e6( )]TJ(ra)uom)0.3(r6( )](l)-8.5nc)4.6t4(el70.1(4)-12.4n13.5(

Table C.3 — Relationship between a range of classes of mass fragment and identification points earned (copied from EC 2002/657)

MS technique	Identification points earned per ion
Low resolution mass spectrometry (LR)	1,0
LR-MS^n precursor ion	1,0
LR-MS^n transition products	1,5
HRMS	2,0
HR-MS^n precursor ion	2,0
HR-MS^n transition products	2,5

(1) Each ion may only be counted once.

(2) GC-MS using electron impact ionisation is regarded as being a different technique to GC-MS using chemical ionisation.

(3) Different analytes can be used to increase the number of identification points only if the derivatives employ different reaction chemistries.

(4) For substances in group A of Annex I to Directive 96/23/EC, if one of the following techniques are used in the analytical procedure: HPLC coupled with full-scan diode array spectrophotometry (DAD); HPLC coupled with fluorescence detection; HPLC coupled to an immunogram; two-dimensional TLC coupled to spectrometric detection; a maximum of one identification point may be contributed, providing that the relevant criteria for these techniques are fulfilled.

(5) Transition products include both daughter and granddaughter products.

Table C.4 (copied from Directive 2002/657/EC [5]) shows examples of the identification points earned by each technique or combination of techniques.

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Table C.4 — Examples of the number of identification points earned for a range of techniques and combinations thereof (n = an integer)

Technique(s)	Number of ions	Identification points
GC-MS (EI or CI)	N	N
GC-MS (EI and CI)	2 (EI) + 2 (CI)	4
GC-MS (EI or CI)	2 deratives 2 (Derative A) + 2 (Derative B)	4
LC-QMS	N	N
GC-MS-MS	1 precursor and 2 daughters	4
LC-MS-MS	1 precursor and 2 daughters	4
GC-MS-MS	2 precursor ions, each with 1 daughter	5
LC-MS-MS	2 precursor ions, each with 1 daughter	5
LC-MS-MS-MS	1 precursor, 1 daughter and 2 granddaughters	5,5
HRMS	N	2n
GC-MS and LC-MS	2 + 2	4
GC-MS and HRMS	2 + 1	4

PFOS and related compounds are not mentioned explicitly in Annex I, group B of [5] (source: http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/by-prods/pdf/toxin.pdf), but qualify under f) others.

Directive 96/23/EC Annex I [6] reads:

a) GROUP A − Substances having anabolic effect and unauthorised substances:

   1) stilbenes, stilbene derivatives, and their salts and esters;

   2) antithyroid agents;

   3) steroids;

   4) resorcylic acid lactones including zeranol;

   5) beta-agonists;

   6) compounds included in Annex IV to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 [7] of 26 June 1990;

b) GROUP B − Veterinary drugs (1) and contaminants:

   1) antibacterial substances, including sulphonomides, quinolones;

   2) other veterinary drugs:

      i) anthelmintics;

      ii) anticoccidials, including nitroimidazoles;

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iii) carbamates and pyrethroids;

iv) sedatives;

v) non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs);

vi) other pharmacologically active substances;

3) other substances and environmental contaminants:

i) organ chlorine compounds including PcBs;

ii) organ phosphorus compounds;

iii) chemical elements;

iv) mycotoxins;

v) dyes;

vi) others.

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[2] EN ISO 6427, *Plastics — Determination of matter extractable by organic solvents (conventional methods) (ISO 6427:1992)*

[3] ISO 9113, *Plastics Polypropylene (PP) and propylene-copolymer thermoplastics — Determination of isotactic index*

[4] ISO 25101, *Water quality — Determination of perfluorooctanesulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoate (PFOA) — Method for unfiltered samples using solid phase extraction and liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry*

[5] 2002/657/EC: Commission Decision of 12 August 2002 implementing Council Directive 96/23/EC concerning the performance of analytical methods and the interpretation of results (notified under document number C(2002) 3044)

[6] 96/23/EC: Council Directive of 29 April 1996 on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products and repealing Directives 85/358/EEC and 86/469/EEC and Decisions 89/187/EEC and 91/664/EEC

[7] Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 of 26 June 1990 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin (OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 1)

[8] EN 12127, *Textiles — Fabrics — Determination of mass per unit area using small samples*

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