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FOREWORD

This Sri Lanka Standard was authorized for adoption and publication by the Council of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution on 1988 - 10 - 04, after the draft, finalized by the Drafting Committee on Milk and Milk Products had been approved by the Agricultural and Food Products Divisional Committee.

In order to accommodate the large number of test methods within the scope of one standard, this standard is published in several parts.

This standard forms Part 4 of Sri Lanka Standard Methods of Test for Milk and Milk Products.

In reporting the result of a test or an analysis made in accordance with this standard, if the final value, observed or calculated, is to be rounded off, it shall be done in accordance with CS 102.

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1 SCOPE

This part of the standard prescribes the methods of determination of salt content of butter and cheese.

2 REFERENCES

ISO 707 Milk and Milk products sampling.
CS 102 Presentation of numerical values.

3 SAMPLING

The samples for the use in the tests specified in this part shall be obtained in accordance with ISO 707.

4 DETERMINATION OF SALT CONTENT OF BUTTER

Either of the following methods may be used.

4.1 Method 1

4.1.1 Reagents

During the analysis, unless otherwise stated, reagents of recognized analytical grade and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity shall be used.

4.1.1.1 Silver nitrate, standardized volumetric solution,

$c(\text{AgNO}_3) = 0.1 \text{ mol/l}$.

4.1.1.2 Potassium chromate, 50 g/l solution.

4.1.2 Procedure

4.1.2.1 Leave the sample at room temperature in a closed container until it is soft enough to facilitate thorough mixing to a homogeneous state. This could also be achieved by keeping the sample in a water bath, temperature not exceeding 40 °C, for few minutes and thoroughly mixing it at room temperature.

Mix the sample thoroughly by shaking the sample container until the sample has cooled to a thick, creamy consistency.

4.1.2.2 Weigh, to the nearest 0.01 g, about 5 g of the sample prepared as in 4.1.2.1 in to a 250-ml conical flask.

Add 100 ml of boiling water and mix well. Add 2 ml of potassium chromate solution (4.1.1.2). Titrate with the silver nitrate solution (4.1.1.1) at 50 °C to 55 °C swirling continuously until the colour changes from yellow to orange-red which persists for 30 seconds.

Carry out a blank titration.

4.1.3 Calculation

One millilitre of 0.1 mol/l solution of silver nitrate is equivalent to 0.00585 g of sodium chloride.

$$\text{Salt content, as NaCl, per cent by mass} = \frac{5.85 (V_1 - V_2) c}{m}$$

where,

V_1 is the volume, in ml, of silver nitrate solution required for the titration;

V_2 is the volume, in ml, of silver nitrate solution required for the blank titration;

c is the concentration, in mol/l, of the silver nitrate solution; and

m is the mass, in g, of the sample taken for the test.

4.2 Method 2

4.2.1 Reagents

4.2.1.1 Silver nitrate, approximately 0.05 mol/l solution.

Prepare the solution using silver nitrate which has been dried over phosphorus pentoxide (P_2O_5). Calculate the exact concentration by titrating with standard 0.05 mol/l sodium chloride solution using 5 per cent (m/m) potassium chromate as the indicator.

4.2.1.2 Concentrated nitric acid, rel. den. = 1.42.

4.2.1.3 Urea

4.2.1.4 Nitrobenzene

4.2.1.5 Ammonium ferric sulfate indicator solution

Dissolve 50 g of ammonium ferric sulfate, $(NH_4)_2SO_4 \cdot Fe_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 24H_2O$, in 95 ml of water containing 5 ml of 31.5 per cent (m/m) nitric acid solution.

4.2.1.6 Potassium thiocyanate, approximately 0.05 mol/l solution, standardized as follows:

Pipette 20 ml of the silver nitrate solution (4.2.1.1) into a 250-ml conical flask. Add 25 ml of water, 5 ml of 31.5 per cent (m/m) nitric acid and 1 ml of ammonium ferric sulfate solution. Titrate with the potassium thiocyanate solution and calculate its concentration.

NOTE

0.05 mol/l ammonium thiocyanate could be used instead of potassium thiocyanate.

4.2.2 Procedure

4.2.2.1 Weigh, to the nearest 0.01 g, about 2 g of the sample into a 250-ml conical flask. Add 10 ml of water and 25 ml of silver nitrate solution (4.2.1.1). Warm the contents of the flask to melt the sample and shake well. Add 10 ml of concentrated nitric acid (4.2.1.2) and gently boil for about 10 minutes until the curd is dissolved and the silver chloride precipitate is granular. The liquid is then a clear lemon colour and the layer of fat is clear and free from solid material. Add about 0.3 g of urea to the hot solution, mix and cool. Add 1 ml of nitrobenzene and mix.

Add 2 ml of ammonium ferric sulfate indicator solution (4.2.1.5) and 50 ml of water. Determine the excess silver nitrate by titrating with potassium thiocyanate solution (4.2.1.6) until the appearance of an orange tint which persists for 30 seconds.

4.2.2.2 Take 25 ml of silver nitrate solution (4.2.1.1), add 2 ml of ammonium ferric sulfate indicator and titrate with potassium thiocyanate solution (4.2.1.6) until the same end point is reached as in 4.2.2.1.

4.2.3 Calculation

One millilitre of 0.05 mol/l solution of potassium thiocyanate is equivalent to 0.00292 g of sodium chloride.

$$\text{Salt content, as NaCl, per ceny by mass} = \frac{0.292 (V_1 - V_2)c}{0.05 m}$$

where,

- V_1 is the volume, in ml, of potassium thiocyanate slution required for the titration in 4.2.2.2;
- V_2 is the volume, in ml, of potassium thiocyanate solution required for the titration in 4.2.2.1;
- c is the concentration, in mol/l, of the potassium thiocyanate solution; and
- m is the mass, in g, of the sample taken for the test.

5 DETERMINATION OF SALT CONTENT OF CHEESE

5.1 Reagents

As in 4.2.1.1 to 4.2.1.6.

5.2 Procedure

5.2.1 Grate the sample quickly or cut into small pieces.

5.2.2 Weigh, to the nearest 0.01 g, about 2 g of the sample prepared as in 5.2.1 in a 300-ml Erlenmeyer flask. Add 10 ml of distilled water and 25 ml of silver nitrate solution (4.2.1.1). Warm the contents of the flask to 75 °C to 80 °C, swirling vigorously to facilitate the dispersion of the sample. Add 10 ml of concentrated nitric acid (4.2.1.2) and boil gently for 10 minutes. Add about 0.3 g of urea to the hot solution, mix and cool. Add 1 ml of nitrobenzene and mix.

Proceed as given in the second paragraph of 4.2.2.1, commencing with the addition of 2 ml of ammonium ferric sulfate indicator.

5.3 Calculation

Calculate as given in 4.2.3.

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