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FOREWORD

This Sri Lanka Standard was approved by the Sectoral Committee on Agricultural and Food Products and was authorized for adoption and publication as a Sri Lanka Standard by the Council of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution on 2010-10-15.

This standard was first published in 1976 and subsequently revised in 1993. This standard prescribes the general methods for determining whether the material conforms to the requirements of the relevant individual standards and thus form a necessary adjunct to series of Sri Lanka Standard Specification for individual oils and fats. However, keeping in view the experience gained during the years and various International standards brought out by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) on the subject of testing animal and vegetable fats and oils, it was decided to revise it with a view to updating the existing methods of test and by incorporating those not covered earlier.

In order to accommodate large number of test methods within the scope of one standard, this standard is published in four parts covering different characteristics as indicated below.

- Part 1 Determination of physical characteristic
- Part 2 Determination of chemical characteristics
- Part 3 Determination of foreign substances and parameters affecting quality and stability
- Part 4 Determination of principle constituents and natural constituents.

1 SCOPE

1.1 This section prescribes a method for the determination of mineral acids in fats and oils.

2 DEFINITION

For the purpose of this section the following definition shall apply :

2.1 mineral acid (or inorganic acid) : An acid derived from one or more inorganic compounds. A mineral acid is not organic and all mineral acids release hydrogen ions when dissolved in water.

3 APPARATUS

3.1 *Separating funnels, 500-ml capacity*

3.2 *Other laboratory equipment*

4 REAGENTS

All the reagents shall be of recognized analytical grade and the water used shall be distilled water or water of equivalent purity.

4.1 *Sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide, 0.01 M aqueous solution*

4.2 *Light petroleum, b.p. 40 °C to 60 °C*

4.3 *Methyl orange indicator, 0.1 per cent solution in 95 per cent (V/V) ethanol*

5 PROCEDURE

Weigh accurately about 50 g of the oil into a 500-ml separating funnel. Wash the oil with three 50-ml to 60-ml portions of hot distilled water, giving the separating funnel a good swirl but not so vigorously as to cause formation of a stable emulsion. Combine the hot water washings in a second separating funnel, cool to room temperature (about 30 °C) and extract once with 50 ml of the light petroleum to remove traces of fatty acids. Titrate the water washings with the aqueous alkali using methyl orange as indicator. The end point is reached when the addition of a single drop produces a slight but definite colour persisting for at least 15 seconds.

6 CALCULATION

$$\text{Mineral acidity} = \frac{100 \times V}{m} \text{ ml of 0.01 M acid per 100 g.}$$

where,

V = volume, in millilitres, of 0.01 M alkali required, and

m = mass, in grams, of oil taken.

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