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**Determination of moisture content  
(Reference method)**

*Beurre — Détermination des teneurs en eau, en matière sèche non grasse et en matière grasse*

*Partie 1: Détermination de la teneur en eau (Méthode de référence)*



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# Butter — Determination of moisture, non-fat solids and fat contents —

## Part 1: Determination of moisture content (Reference method)

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 3727 | IDF 80 specifies the reference method for the determination of the moisture content of butter.

### 2 Term and definition

For the purposes of this part of ISO 3727 | IDF 80, the following term and definition applies.

#### 2.1

##### **moisture content**

mass fraction of substances determined by the procedure specified in this part of ISO 3727 | IDF 80

NOTE The moisture content is expressed as a percentage by mass.

### 3 Principle

A known mass of butter is dried in the presence of pumice stone at  $102\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$ . The remaining dry mass is weighed to determine the loss in mass.

### 4 Apparatus

Usual laboratory equipment and, in particular, the following.

- 4.1 **Analytical balance**, capable of weighing to the nearest 1 mg, with a readability of 0,1 mg.
- 4.2 **Drying oven**, ventilated, thermostatically controlled, capable of maintaining a temperature of  $102\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$  throughout the entire working space.
- 4.3 **Desiccator**, containing a suitable drying agent, for example freshly dried silica gel with hygrometric indicator.
- 4.4 **Dishes**, made of glazed porcelain, or metal resistant to corrosion under the conditions of the test, with height between 20 mm and 40 mm, and diameter between 50 mm and 70 mm.
- 4.5 **Pumice stone**, granular, with diameter between 0,8 mm and 8 mm.

## 5 Sampling

Sampling is not part of the method specified in this part of ISO 3727 | IDF 80. A recommended sampling method is given in ISO 707.

It is important that the laboratory receive a sample which is truly representative and has not been damaged or changed during transport or storage.

The test sample shall be received in an airtight container closed with a lid to avoid loss of moisture. The capacity of the container shall be such that the test sample occupies one-half to two-thirds of its volume.

Until commencing the preparation of the test sample, store the sample in the airtight container at a temperature of between 2 °C and 14 °C.

## 6 Preparation of test sample

**6.1** Warm the test sample in the unopened airtight container to a temperature not exceeding 35 °C.

If fat separation may be expected (e.g. in low-hard-fraction test samples or through knowledge obtained from laboratory experience), warm such test samples in the unopened airtight container to a more typical homogenization temperature of between 24 °C and 30 °C.

Mix the test sample in the unopened container to a homogeneous state (either by a mechanical shaker or by hand) without getting any rupture of emulsion. Take precautions to avoid loss of moisture.

**6.2** Before weighing, open the sample container and stir the test sample with a suitable device such as a spoon or spatula for no longer than 10 s.

## 7 Procedure

### 7.1 Blank test

Simultaneously with the determination of the test sample (6.2), carry out a blank test using the same procedure for the preparation of the dish (7.2) and the determination (7.3), but omitting the test sample (7.3.1).

### 7.2 Preparation of the dish

**7.2.1** Put 10 g ± 0,5 g of pumice stone (4.5) in the dish (4.4).

**7.2.2** Heat the dish with the pumice stone for at least 1 h in the drying oven (4.2) set at 102 °C. Determine experimentally the time required for the drying oven to reach 102 °C.

**NOTE** The above-mentioned drying period of > 1 h and that in 7.3.2 and 7.3.4 starts when the temperature of the contents of the dish reaches 102 °C ± 2 °C. The time required to reach that temperature depends on the heating capacity, frequency of ventilation and size of the oven. It also depends on the number, mass and material of the dishes.

**7.2.3** Cool the dish in the desiccator (4.3) to the temperature of the weighing room. Use the analytical balance (4.1) to weigh the dish to the nearest 1 mg.

### 7.3 Determination

**7.3.1** Weigh, to the nearest 1 mg, approximately 5 g of the test sample (6.2) into the prepared dish (7.2.3).

**7.3.2** Heat the test portion and the dish (7.3.1) for 2 h in the drying oven (4.2) set at 102 °C.

**7.3.3** Cool the test portion and the dish in the desiccator (4.3) to the temperature of the weighing room. Weigh the dish and its contents to the nearest 1 mg.

**7.3.4** Repeat the drying procedure in 7.3.2 for additional periods of half an hour (see note in 7.2.2), and the cooling and weighing procedure in 7.3.3, until the difference in mass between two consecutive weighings of the dish does not exceed 1 mg or until the mass increases. Use the lowest mass for the calculation.

## 8 Calculation and expression of results

### 8.1 Calculation

Calculate the moisture content,  $w_m$ , using the following equation:

$$w_m = \frac{(m_2 - m_4) - (m_1 - m_3)}{m_2 - m_0} \times 100 \%$$

where

$w_m$  is the moisture content of the sample, expressed as a mass fraction in percent;

$m_0$  is the mass, in grams, of the prepared dish (7.2.3);

$m_1$  is the mass, in grams, of the prepared dish used in the blank test (7.1) before drying (7.2.3);

$m_2$  is the mass, in grams, of the test portion and the dish before drying (7.3.1);

$m_3$  is the mass, in grams, of the dish used in the blank test (7.1) after drying (7.3.4);

$m_4$  is the mass, in grams, of the test portion and the dish after drying (7.3.4).

### 8.2 Expression of results

Express the test results to two decimal places.

## 9 Precision

### 9.1 Interlaboratory test

Details of an interlaboratory test on the precision of the method are summarized in annex A. The values derived from this interlaboratory test may not be applicable to concentration ranges and matrixes other than those given.

### 9.2 Repeatability

The absolute difference between two independent single test results, obtained using the same method on identical test material in the same laboratory by the same operator using the same equipment within a short interval of time, will in not more than 5 % of cases be greater than a mass fraction of 0,10 %.

### 9.3 Reproducibility

The absolute difference between two single test results, obtained using the same method on identical test material in different laboratories with different operators using different equipment, will in not more than 5 % of cases be greater than a mass fraction of 0,15 %.

## 10 Test report

The test report shall specify:

- all information required for the complete identification of the sample;
- the sampling method used, if known;
- the test method used, with reference to this part of ISO 3727 | IDF 80;
- all operating details not specified in this part of ISO 3727 | IDF 80, or regarded as optional, together with details of any incident which may have influenced the result(s);
- the test result(s) obtained and, if the repeatability has been checked, the final quoted results obtained.

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**Annex A**  
(informative)

**Results of interlaboratory trial**

An international collaborative test involving ten laboratories and six countries was carried out on six samples divided into 12 blind duplicated samples.

Four samples were of unsalted butter and two samples were of salted butter. The test was organized by COKZ, Netherlands. The results obtained were subjected to statistical analysis in accordance with ISO 5725-1 and ISO 5725-2 to give the precision data shown in Table A.1.

NOTE IDF 135 provides specific guidance for interlaboratory tests on methods of analysis and milk products. It is based on ISO 5725.

**Table A.1 — Precision data**

	Unsalted butter				Salted butter	
	A	B	C	D	E	F
No. of participating laboratories after eliminating outliers	9	9	9	9	9	9
Mean value, % mass fraction	15,61	15,51	15,83	15,66	14,76	15,75
Repeatability standard deviation, $s_r$ , %	0,036	0,024	0,029	0,018	0,024	0,022
Coefficient of variation of repeatability, %	0,23	0,15	0,18	0,11	0,16	0,14
Repeatability limit $r$ ( $2,8 s_r$ ), %	0,100	0,068	0,081	0,051	0,068	0,063
Reproducibility standard deviation, $s_R$ , %	0,061	0,044	0,043	0,049	0,050	0,038
Coefficient of variation of reproducibility, %	0,39	0,28	0,27	0,31	0,34	0,24
Reproducibility limit $R$ ( $2,8 s_R$ ), %	0,171	0,124	0,121	0,137	0,140	0,106