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## Part 1: Method by gas chromatography

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### 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of propionic acid level in cheese, using gas chromatography.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

### 3 Terms and definitions

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#### 3.1

##### **level of propionic acid**

mass fraction of propionic acid determined following the procedure described in this document

Note 1 to entry: The level of propionic acid is expressed in mg/100 g of cheese.

### 4 Principle

Preparation of the test sample by addition of the internal standard and homogenization in the presence of sulfuric acid. Continuous extraction of the mixture in a liquid-liquid extractor by a mixture of ethers. Separation of the volatile fatty acids from the fatty phase in the form of their sodium salts (soaps) after neutralization in the presence of phenolphthalein (or other equivalent indicator) and drying of the soaps recovered in the aqueous phase. Separation of the propionic acid using gas chromatography and quantification by reference to an internal standard.

### 5 Reagents

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade, unless otherwise specified, and distilled or demineralized water or water of equivalent purity.