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## Introduction

Fraudulent adulteration of meat in food and feed threatens both public safety and commerce. Adulteration can affect those adhering to ethnological dietary rules, economic development and social stability. This document provides a real-time polymerase chain reaction (real-time PCR) analytical method for the identification of meat animal species from nucleic acid present in the ingredients of food and feed.

Animal-derived biological materials in food and feed are detected and identified in the laboratory with the following successive (or simultaneous) steps: preparation of the test portion/sample, nucleic acid extraction and purification, PCR amplification and interpretation of results. This document provides guidance for PCR amplification and interpretation of results, specific to bovine DNA detection.

The ISO 20224 series consists of technical specifications that describe specific applications. New species DNA detection methods established in the future will be added as independent parts.

# Molecular biomarker analysis — Detection of animal-derived materials in foodstuffs and feedstuffs by real-time PCR —

## Part 1: Bovine DNA detection method

### 1 Scope

This document specifies a real-time polymerase chain reaction (real-time PCR) method for the qualitative detection of bovine-specific DNA derived from food and feed. It requires the extraction of an adequate amount of PCR amplifiable DNA from the relevant matrix and can be applied to the detection of bovine material derived from cattle including taurine (*Bos taurus*) and zebu (*Bos indicus*). The assay also detects the species bison (*Bison bison*) and yak (*Bos mutus*).

The target sequence is a partial fragment of the bovine nuclear beta actin gene in chromosome 25 (i.e. GenBank accession number NC\_037352.1)<sup>[1][2][3]</sup>, which is present as a single copy per haploid genome. The provided PCR assay for this target has an absolute limit of detection of five copies per reaction, with  $\geq 95$  % replicability at this concentration (LOD<sub>95 %</sub>).

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

ISO 16577, *Molecular biomarker analysis — Terms and definitions*

ISO 20813, *Molecular biomarker analysis — Methods of analysis for the detection and identification of animal species in foods and food products (nucleic acid-based methods) — General requirements and definitions*

ISO 21571, *Foodstuffs — Methods of analysis for the detection of genetically modified organisms and derived products — Nucleic acid extraction*

ISO 24276, *Foodstuffs — Methods of analysis for the detection of genetically modified organisms and derived products — General requirements and definitions*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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