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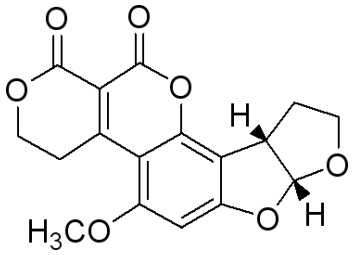
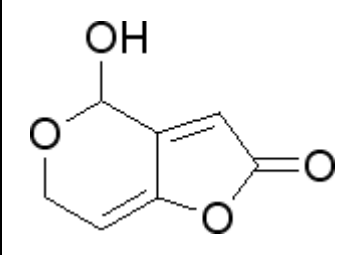
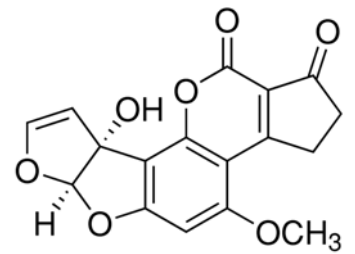
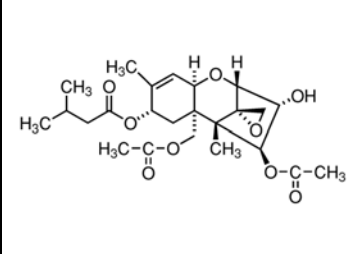
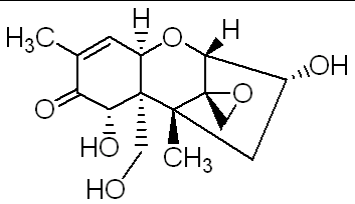
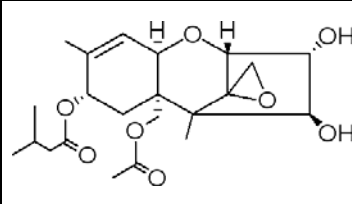
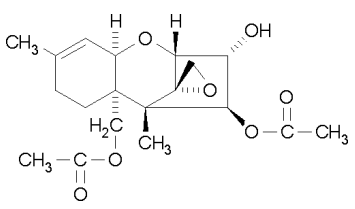
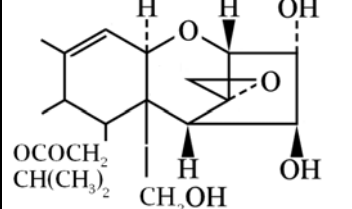
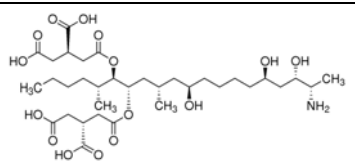
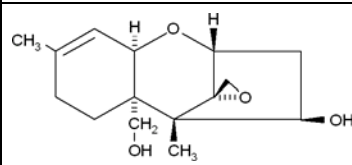
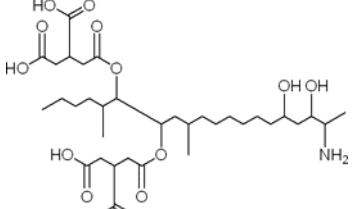
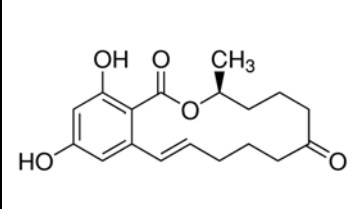
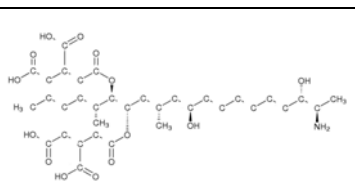
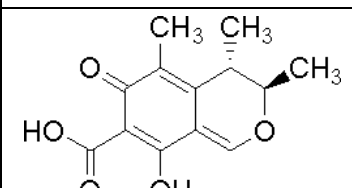
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## Chemical structure of frequently monitored mycotoxins

Table 1: Names and structures of widely occurring mycotoxins

| Name                                | Structure | Name                 | Structure |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| 3-acetyl deoxynivalenol (3-AcDON)   |           | Fusarenon-X (FUS-X)  |           |
| 15-acetyl Deoxynivalenol (15-AcDON) |           | Monoacetoxyscirpenol |           |
| Aflatoxin B1                        |           | Neosolaniol          |           |
| Aflatoxin B2                        |           | Nivalenol (NIV)      |           |
| Aflatoxin G1                        |           | Ochratoxin A (OTA)   |           |

| Name                 | Structure   | Name   | Structure   |
|----------------------|---|--|---|
| Aflatoxin G2         |    | Patulin  |    |
| Aflatoxin M1         |    | T-2 Toxin  |    |
| Deoxynivalenol (DON) |    | HT-2 Toxin   |    |
| Diacetoxyscirpenol   |   | T2-triol   |   |
| Fumonisin B1         |  | Verrucol   |  |
| Fumonisin B2         |  | Zearalenone (ZON)  |  |
| Fumonisin B3         |  | Citrinine<br>(not mentioned in EU legislation but recently found in food additives in USA) |  |

**Table 2: General informative links for mycotoxins**

| <b>Compound</b>          | <b>IUPAC NAME</b>   | <b>CAS n.</b>     | <b>References</b>  |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------|--|
| Mycotoxins               | NA <sup>(1)</sup>   | NA <sup>(1)</sup> | <a href="http://mycotoxins.org">mycotoxins.org</a> (European Mycotoxin Awareness Network - <b>EMAN</b> ) |
|                          |   |                   | List of mycotoxins-producing fungi: <a href="#">Micotoxinas boletim n.46</a>                             |
|                          |   |                   | List of mycotoxins-producing fungi: <a href="http://Mycotoxins.info">Mycotoxins.info</a>                 |
|                          |   |                   | <a href="#">Mycotoxins</a>   |
|                          |   |                   | <a href="#">Wikipedia - Mycotoxins</a>   |
| 3-acetyl deoxynivalenol  | 3 $\alpha$ -Acetoxy-7 $\alpha$ ,15-dihydroxy-12,13-epoxytrichothec-9-en-8-one     | 876926-22-6       | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a>   |
| 15-acetyl deoxynivalenol | 15-Acetoxy-3 $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ -dihydroxy-12,13-epoxytrichothec-9-en-8-one     | 088337-96-6       | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a>   |
| Aflatoxin B1             | NA <sup>(1)</sup>   | 001162-65-8       | <a href="#">EMAN - Aflatoxins</a><br>(valid for Aflatoxin B2, G1 and G2 as well)                         |
|                          |   |                   | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a>   |
|                          |   |                   | <a href="#">Aflatoxins</a>   |
|                          |   |                   | <a href="#">Wikipedia - Aflatoxin B1</a>   |
| Aflatoxin B2             | NA <sup>(1)</sup>   | 007220-81-7       | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a>   |
| Aflatoxin G1             | NA <sup>(1)</sup>   | 001165-39-5       | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a>   |
| Aflatoxin G2             | NA <sup>(1)</sup>   | 007241-98-7       | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a>   |
| Aflatoxin M1             | NA <sup>(1)</sup>   | 006795-23-9       | <a href="#">EMAN - Aflatoxin M1</a>  |
|                          |   |                   | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a>   |
|                          |   |                   | <a href="#">Wikipedia - Aflatoxin M1</a>   |
| Citrinin                 | (3R,4S)-7-(dihydroxymethylidene)-3,4,5-trimethyl-3,4-dihydroisochromene-6,8-dione | 000518-75-2       | <a href="#">EMAN - Citrinin</a>  |
|                          |   |                   | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a>   |
|                          |   |                   | <a href="#">Wikipedia - Citrinin</a>   |
| Cyclopiazonic acid       | NA <sup>(1)</sup>   | 018172-33-3       | <a href="#">EMAN - Cyclopiazonic acid</a>  |
|                          |   |                   | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem - Cyclopiazonic acid</a>  |
|                          |   |                   | <a href="#">Wikipedia - Cyclopiazonic acid</a>   |
| Deoxynivalenol           | 3 $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,15-Trihydroxy-12,13-                                      | 051481-10-8       | <a href="#">EMAN - Deoxynivalenol</a>  |

| <b>Compound</b>                   | <b>IUPAC NAME</b>  | <b>CAS n.</b>     | <b>References</b>  |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| (Vomitoxin)                       | epoxytrichothec-9-en-8-one   |                   | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a><br><a href="#">Deoxynivalenol</a><br><a href="#">Wikipedia - Deoxynivalenol</a>   |
| Diacetoxyscirpenol<br>(Anguidine) | 12,13-Epoxytrichothec-9-ene-3,4,15-triol-4,15-diacetate  | 002270-40-8       | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a>   |
| Fumonisin B1<br>(Macrofusine)     | 1,2,3-Propanetricarboxylic acid, 1,1 $\phi$ -[1-(12-amino-4,9,11-trihydroxy-2-methyltridecyl)-2-(1-methylpentyl)-1,2-ethanediyl] ester                     | 116355-83-0       | <a href="#">EMAN - Fumonisin</a><br>(valid for Fumonisin B2, B3 and B4 as well)<br><a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a><br><a href="#">Fumonisin</a><br><a href="#">Wikipedia - Fumonisin B1</a> |
| Fumonisin B2                      | 2-[2-[19-amino-6-(3-carboxy-5-hydroxy-5-oxopentanoyl)oxy-16,18-dihydroxy-5,9-dimethylicosan-7-yl]oxy-2-oxoethyl]butanedioic acid                           | 116355-84-1       | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a><br><a href="#">Wikipedia - Fumonisin B2</a>   |
| Fumonisin B3                      | 2-[2-[(5R,6R,7S,9S,11R,18R,19S)-19-amino-6-(3-carboxy-5-hydroxy-5-oxopentanoyl)oxy-11,18-dihydroxy-5,9-dimethylicosan-7-yl]oxy-2-oxoethyl]butanedioic acid | NA <sup>(1)</sup> | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a>   |
| Fusarenon-X                       | NA <sup>(1)</sup>  | 023255-69-8       | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a>   |
| Monoacetoxyscirpenol              | NA <sup>(1)</sup>  | 096699-75-1       | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a>   |
| Neosolaniol                       | 4 $\beta$ ,15-Diacetoxy-3 $\alpha$ ,8 $\alpha$ -dihydroxy-12,13-epoxytrichothec-9-ene  | 036519-25-2       | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a>   |
| Nivalenol                         | 3 $\alpha$ ,4 $\beta$ ,7 $\alpha$ , 15-Tetrahydroxy-12,13-epoxytrichothec-9-en-8-one   | 023282-20-4       | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a>   |
| Ochratoxin A                      | (2S)-2-[[[(3R)-5-chloro-8-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-oxoisochroman-7-carbonyl]amino]-3-phenylpropanoic acid  | 000303-47-9       | <a href="#">EMAN - Ochratoxin A</a><br><a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a><br><a href="#">Ochratoxin A</a>  |
| Patulin                           | 4-hydroxy-4,6-dihydrofuro[4,5-c]pyran-2-one  | 000149-29-1       | <a href="#">EMAN - Patulin</a><br><a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a><br><a href="#">Patulin</a>  |

| <b>Compound</b>  | <b>IUPAC NAME</b>  | <b>CAS n.</b>     | <b>References</b>  |
|--|--|-------------------|--|
|  |  |                   | <a href="#">Wikipedia - Patulin</a>  |
| T-2 Toxin  | 12,13-Epoxytrichothec-9-ene-3,4,8,15-tetrol-4,15-diacetate-8-isovalerate                                 | 021259-20-1       | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a><br><a href="#">T2-Toxin</a>   |
| HT-2 Toxin   | 15-Acetoxy-3 $\alpha$ ,4 $\beta$ -dihydroxy-8 $\alpha$ -(3-methylbutyryloxy)-12,13-epoxytrichothec-9-ene | 026934-87-2       | <a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a>   |
| Trichothecenes (T-2, HT-2, DON, NIV, 3_AcDON, 15-AcDON)  | NA <sup>(1)</sup>  | NA <sup>(1)</sup> | <a href="#">EMAN - trichothecenes</a>  |
| T2-triol   | NA <sup>(1)</sup>  | NA <sup>(1)</sup> |  |
| Verrucol   | 4 $\beta$ ,15-Dihydroxy-12,13-epoxytrichothec-9-ene  | 002198-92-7       |  |
| Zearalenone  | 4S,12E)-16,18-dihydroxy-4-methyl-3-oxabicyclo[12.4.0]octadecan-1(18),12,14,16-tetraene-2,8-dione         | 017924-92-4       | <a href="#">EMAN - Zearalenon</a><br><a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem</a><br><a href="#">Zearalenon</a>  |
| Others (Moniliformin, Sterigmatocystin, Ergot alkaloids) | NA <sup>(1)</sup>  | NA <sup>(1)</sup> | <a href="#">EMAN - Sterigmatocystin</a><br><a href="#">EMAN - Moniliformin</a><br><a href="#">EMAN - Ergot alkaloids</a><br><a href="#">EMAN - Other mycotoxins</a><br><a href="#">NCBI - Pubchem - Sterigmatocystin</a><br><a href="#">Moniliformin</a> |

(1) Not available/applicable



## Regulated mycotoxins

[Eur-lex: direct access to European Law](#) (Regulations, Directives, Decisions plus Commission staff working documents, Reports, Proposals for new legislation, Recommendations, etc.)

Worldwide regulations for mycotoxins in food and feed in 2003 – FAO Food and Nutrition Paper 80 (2003): [Link to PDF file](#)

A comprehensive and up-to-date computerized legislative database: [FAOLEX](#)

A search engine for food legislation and RASFF [FC 24](#)

Action levels in feed for the American Board of Veterinary Toxicology:  
[FDA compliance levels for feed](#)

**Table 3: EU legislation concerning mycotoxins in food and feed**

| <b>Legislative Reference</b>                            | <b>Matrix</b> | <b>ML<sup>(1)</sup><br/>(Y/N)</b> | <b>Compound</b>   |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <a href="#">Commission Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006</a> | Food          | N <sup>(4)</sup>                  | 3-acetyl deoxynivalenol<br>15-acetyl deoxynivalenol<br>Diacetoxyscirpenol<br>Fumonisin B3<br>Fusarenon-X<br>Monoacetoxyscirpenol<br>Neosolaniol<br>T2-triol<br>Verrucol |
|   |               | N<br>(TDI) <sup>(3,4)</sup>       | Nivalenol   |
|   |               | Y                                 | Aflatoxins (Sum of B1, B2, G1 and G2)<br>Aflatoxin M1<br>Deoxynivalenol<br>Fumonisin (B1 and B2)<br>Ochratoxin A<br>Patulin<br>T-2 and HT-2 toxins<br>Zearalenone       |
| <a href="#">Commission Regulation (EC) No 1126/2007</a> | Food          | Y                                 | Deoxynivalenol<br>Fumonisin (sum of B1 and B2)<br>Zearalenone   |
|   |               | N<br>(TDI) <sup>(3)</sup>         | Trichothecenes<br>(NIV + T-2 & HT-2 + DON)  |
| <a href="#">Commission Directive 2003/100/EC</a>        | Feed          | Y                                 | Aflatoxin B1  |

| <b>Legislative Reference</b>   | <b>Matrix</b>                    | <b>ML<sup>(1)</sup><br/>(Y/N)</b> | <b>Compound</b>   |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <a href="#">Commission Recommendation (2006/576/EC) of 17 August 2006 on the presence of deoxynivalenol, zearalenon, ochratoxin A, T-2 and HT-2 and fumonisins in products intended for animal feeding</a> | Feed                             | Y<br>(GV) <sup>(2)</sup>          | Deoxynivalenol<br>Fumonisin (sum of B1 and B2)<br>Ochratoxin A<br>Zearalenon  |
|  |                                  | N                                 | T-2 and HT-2 toxins   |
| <a href="#">Commission Recommendation (2006/583/EC) of 17 August 2006 on the prevention and reduction of Fusarium Toxins in cereals and cereals products</a>   | Cereals<br>(preventive measures) | N                                 | Fusarium toxins   |
| <a href="#">Commission Recommendation (2003/598/EC) of 11 August 2003 on the prevention of patulin contamination in apple juice and apple juice ingredients in other beverages</a>                         | Food<br>(preventive measures)    | N                                 | Patulin   |
| <a href="#">Commission regulation (EC) No 401/2006</a>   | Food                             | N                                 | Aflatoxins (Sum of B1, B2, G1 and G2)<br>Aflatoxin M1<br>Ochratoxin A<br>Patulin<br>Deoxynivalenol<br>Zearalenon<br>Fumonisin B1 and B2<br>T-2 and HT-2 toxin |

(1) Maximum level (Y=yes; N=no)

(2) Guidance value

(3) Tolerable daily intake

(4) No specific measures needed

(5) Method performance

## Toxicity

1. [IARC \(International Agency for Research on Cancer\) classification](#)
2. [IARC alphabetical list of carcinogenic agents](#) .
3. For most of the Mycotoxins of interest the information can be found in the following IARC volumes:
  - a. [IARC Monograph Volume 82](#)
  - b. [IARC Monograph Volume 56](#)
  - c. [IARC Monographs: Supplement 7 - Update of Volumes 1-42](#)
4. [OECD \(Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development\) guidelines for the testing of chemicals](#)

**Table 4: IARC classification for carcinogenicity**

| <b>Group</b> | <b>Definition</b>   |
|--------------|---|
| 1            | The agent (mixture) is carcinogenic to humans. The exposure circumstance entails exposures that are carcinogenic to humans                    |
| 2A           | The agent (mixture) is probably carcinogenic to humans. The exposure circumstance entails exposures that are probably carcinogenic to humans. |
| 2B           | The agent (mixture) is possibly carcinogenic to humans. The exposure circumstance entails exposures that are possibly carcinogenic to humans. |
| 3            | The agent (mixture or exposure circumstance) is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.   |
| 4            | The agent (mixture) is probably not carcinogenic to humans.   |

**Table 5: Toxicology and epidemiology related links**

| <b>Compound</b>   | <b>Matrix</b>     | <b>Useful link</b>   |
|---|-------------------|--|
| Mycotoxins  | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | Summary of toxicological effects of mould toxins:<br><a href="#">SIGMA Aldrich Table</a>   |
|   |                   | "Mycotoxins, Endemic Nephropathy and Urinary Tract Tumours" IARC Scientific Publication No 115<br>Castegnaro, M., Plestina, R., Dirheimer, G., Chernozemsky, I.N., Bartsch, H.<br><a href="#">IARC publication PDF</a>   |
|   |                   | Toxicological effects:<br><a href="#">Mycotoxins.info</a>  |
|   | Feed              | Mycotoxicoses in Domestic Animals:<br><a href="#">The Merck Veterinary Manual</a>  |
| Food  |                   | "Evaluation of Certain Mycotoxins in Food" Fifty-sixth Report of the Joint FAO/WHO Committee on Food Additives Technical Report Series, No 906<br><a href="#">WHO publication PDF</a>  |
|   |                   | JEFCA report on Third Joint FAO/WHO/UNEP International Conference on Mycotoxins:<br><a href="#">JECFA Report 1999</a>  |
| 3-acetyl deoxynivalenol<br><b>(not classified in IARC)</b>  | Food              | "Subacute Toxicity of Dietary 3-Acetyldeoxynivalenol in Mice" Can J Comp Med <b>1985</b> ; 49: 319-322<br><a href="#">PubMed PDF</a>   |
| 15-acetyl deoxynivalenol<br><b>(not classified in IARC)</b>   | Feed              | "Deoxynivalenol: Toxicity, mechanisms and animal health risks" Animal Feed Science and Technology <b>2007</b> ; 137: 283–298   |
| Aflatoxins (naturally occurring mixtures of)<br>Aflatoxin B1<br>Aflatoxin B2<br>Aflatoxin G1<br>Aflatoxin G2<br><br><b>(IARC classification: 1)</b> | Food              | SCF report (1996) including Aflatoxins, Ochratoxin A and Patulin<br><a href="#">SCF reports series 35</a>  |
|   |                   | Opinion of the scientific panel on contaminants in the food chain [CONTAM] related to the potential increase of consumer health risk by a possible increase of the existing maximum levels for aflatoxins in almonds, hazelnuts and pistachios and derived products. Adopted in 2007<br><a href="#">The EFSA Journal (2007) 446, 1-127</a> |
|   |                   | Aflatoxicosis<br><a href="#">U.S. FDA - Aflatoxins</a>   |
|   |                   | WHO Technical Report Series, No. 947/2007 "Evaluation of Certain Food Additives and Contaminants"<br><a href="#">WHO Press link</a>  |
| NS <sup>(1)</sup>   |                   | Toxicological effects:<br><a href="#">Aspergillusflavus.org</a>  |
|   |                   | Cancer Potency:<br><a href="#">The carcinogenic potency database (CPDB) - Aflatoxin B1</a>   |

| <b>Compound</b>   | <b>Matrix</b>     | <b>Useful link</b>   |
|---|-------------------|--|
|   |                   | <a href="#">CPDB - Aflatoxin crude</a>   |
|   |                   | Toxicosis in animals:<br><a href="#">Merck veterinary manual - Aflatoxicosis</a>   |
|   | Feed              | Opinion of the Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain on a request from the Commission related to Aflatoxin B1 as undesirable substance in animal feed. Adopted in 2004<br><a href="#">The EFSA Journal (2004) 39, 1-27</a>              |
|   | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | Not Significant Risk Level (NSRL) as defined by Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment of California (US):<br><a href="#">OEHHA NSRL</a>   |
| Aflatoxin M1<br><b>(IARC classification: 2B)</b>                  | Feed              | Opinion of the Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain on a request from the Commission related to Aflatoxin B1 as undesirable substance in animal feed<br>Adopted on 3 February 2004<br><a href="#">The EFSA Journal (2004) 39, 1-27</a> |
|   | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | JECFA Toxicological Monograph<br><a href="#">FAS 47/FNP 74-JECFA 56/1</a>  |
| Citrinin<br><b>(IARC classification: 3)</b>                       | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | Cancer Potency:<br><a href="#">CPDB - Citrinin</a>   |
| Cyclopiazonic acid<br><b>(not classified in IARC)</b>             |                   | <a href="#">Cyclopiazonic acid factsheet</a>   |
| Deoxynivalenol<br><b>(IARC classification: 3)</b>                 | Food              | Opinion of the Scientific Committee on Food on Fusarium-toxins. Part 1: Deoxynivalenol (DON), (expressed on 2 December 1999) SCF/CS/CNTM/MYC/19 Final<br><a href="#">SCF opinion (SCF/CS/CNTM/MYC/19 Final)</a>                                      |
|   |                   | Opinion of the Scientific Committee on Food on Fusarium-toxins. Part 6: Group evaluation of T-2 toxin, HT-2toxin, nivalenol and deoxynivalenol. (adopted on 26 February 2002)<br><a href="#">SCF opinion (SCF/CS/CNTM/MYC/27 Final)</a>              |
|   | Feed              | Opinion of the Scientific Panel on contaminants in the food chain [CONTAM] related to Deoxynivalenol (DON) as undesirable substance in animal feed. Adopted in 2004<br><a href="#">The EFSA Journal (2004) 73, 1-72</a>                              |
|   | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | JECFA Toxicological Monograph<br><a href="#">FAS 47/FNP 74-JEFCA 56/419</a><br><br>Cancer Potency:<br><a href="#">CPDB - Deoxynivalenol</a>  |
| Diacetoxyscirpenol (Anguidine)<br><b>(not classified in IARC)</b> | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | "Short-term effects of two fusarium toxins, diacetoxyscirpenol and neosolaniol monoacetate, in male wistar rats" Food-Chem-Toxicol. 1987; 25: 767-71<br><a href="#">Sciencedirect publication link</a>   |

| <b>Compound</b>  | <b>Matrix</b>     | <b>Useful link</b>  |
|--|-------------------|---|
| Fumonisin<br><b>(IARC classification for Fumonisin B1, B2 and Fusarin C: 2B)</b> | Food              | Updated opinion of the Scientific Committee on Food on Fumonisin B1, B2 and B3.<br><a href="#">SCF opinion (SCF/CS/CNTM/MYC 28 Final)</a>   |
|  | Feed              | Opinion of the Scientific Panel on contaminants in the food chain [CONTAM] related to fumonisins as undesirable substances in animal feed. Adopted in 2005<br><a href="#">The EFSA Journal (2005) 235, 1-32</a>                         |
|  | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | Toxicosis in animals:<br><a href="#">Merck veterinary manual - Fumonisin toxicosis</a>  |
| Fumonisin B1<br><b>(IARC classification: 2B)</b>                                 | Food              | Opinion of the Scientific Committee on Food on Fusarium-toxins. Part 3: Fumonisin B1 (FB1) (expressed on 17 October 2000)<br><a href="#">SCF opinion (SCF/CS/CNTM/MYC/24 Final)</a>   |
|  | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | Cancer Potency:<br><a href="#">CPDB - Fumonisin B1</a><br><br>Carcinogenicity and other toxicological effects:<br><a href="#">EHC - Fumonisin B1</a>  |
| Fusarenon-X<br><b>(IARC classification: 3)</b>                                   | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | Cancer Potency:<br><a href="#">CPDB - Fusarenon X</a>   |
| Monoacetoxyscirpenol<br><b>(not classified in IARC)</b>                          | Food and Feed     | "Fusarium toxins of the scirpentriol subgroup: a review" Mycopathologia <b>2007</b> ; 164:101-118<br><a href="#">SpringerLink purchase page</a>   |
| Neosolaniol<br><b>(not classified in IARC)</b>                                   | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | "Short-term effects of two fusarium toxins, diacetoxyscirpenol and neosolaniol monoacetate, in male wistar rats" Food and Chemical Toxicology <b>1987</b> ; 25: 767-71<br><a href="#">Sciencedirect publication link</a>                |
| Nivalenol<br><b>(IARC classification: 3)</b>                                     | Food              | Opinion of the Scientific Committee on Food on Fusarium-toxins. Part 4: Nivalenol (expressed on 19 October 2000)<br><a href="#">SCF opinion (SCF/CS/CNTM/MYC/26 Final)</a>  |
|  |                   | Opinion of the Scientific Committee on Food on Fusarium-toxins. Part 6: Group evaluation of T-2 toxin, HT-2toxin, nivalenol and deoxynivalenol. (adopted on 26 February 2002)<br><a href="#">SCF opinion (SCF/CS/CNTM/MYC/27 Final)</a> |
|  | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | Cancer Potency:<br><a href="#">CPDB - Nivalenol</a>   |
| Ochratoxin A<br><b>(IARC classification: 2B)</b>                                 | Food              | Opinion of the Scientific Panel on contaminants in the food chain [CONTAM] related to Ochratoxin A in food. Adopted in 2006<br><a href="#">The EFSA Journal (2006) 365, 1-56</a>  |
|  |                   | SCF report (1996) including Aflatoxins, Ochratoxin A and Patulin<br><a href="#">SCF reports series 35</a>   |
|  |                   | Opinion of the Scientific Committee on Food on Ochratoxin A   |

| <b>Compound</b>   | <b>Matrix</b>     | <b>Useful link</b>   |
|---|-------------------|--|
|   |                   | (expressed on 17 September 1998)<br><a href="#">SCF reports series 14</a>  |
|   |                   | WHO Technical Report Series, No. 947/2007 "Evaluation of Certain Food Additives and Contaminants"<br><a href="#">WHO Press link</a>  |
|   | Feed              | Opinion of the Scientific Panel on Contaminants in Food Chain on a request from the Commission related to ochratoxin A (OTA) as undesirable substance in animal feed. Adopted in 2004<br><a href="#">The EFSA Journal (2004) 101, 1-36</a> |
|   | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | Cancer Potency:<br><a href="#">CPDB - Ochratoxin A</a><br><br>Not Significant Risk Level (NSRL) as defined by Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment of California (US):<br><a href="#">OEHHA NSRL</a>                           |
| Patulin<br><b>(IARC classification: 3)</b>                  | Food              | SCF report (1996) including Aflatoxins, Ochratoxin A and Patulin<br><a href="#">SCF reports series 35</a>  |
|   |                   | Opinion expressed by the Scientific Committee on Food during the plenary meeting on 8 March 2000.<br><a href="#">SCF minute statement</a>  |
|   | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | Cancer Potency:<br><a href="#">CPDB - Patulin</a>  |
| Sterigmatocystin<br><b>(IARC classification: 2B)</b>        | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | <a href="#">OEHHA - NSRL</a>   |
|   |                   | Cancer Potency:<br><a href="#">CPDB - Sterigmatocystin</a>   |
| T-2 + HT-2<br><b>(IARC classification for T-2 toxin: 3)</b> | Food              | Opinion of the Scientific Committee on Food on Fusarium-toxins. Part 5: T-2 toxin and HT-2 toxin (adopted on 30 May 2001)<br><a href="#">SCF Opinion (SCF/CS/CNTM/MYC/25 Rev 6 Final)</a>  |
|   |                   | Opinion of the Scientific Committee on Food on Fusarium-toxins. Part 6: Group evaluation of T-2 toxin, HT-2toxin, nivalenol and deoxynivalenol. (adopted on 26 February 2002)<br><a href="#">SCF opinion (SCF/CS/CNTM/MYC/27 Final)</a>    |
|   | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | Cancer Potency:<br><a href="#">CPDB - T2 toxin</a>   |
| Trichothecenes  | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | Maxwell-Gunter AFB<br><a href="#">Trichothecenes mycotoxins</a>  |
|   |                   | Toxicosis in animals:<br><a href="#">Merck veterinary manual - Trichothecenes toxicosis</a>  |
|   |                   | Toxicology and occurrence of nivalenol, fusarenon X, diacetoxyscirpenol, neosolaniol and 3- and 15-acetyldeoxynivalenol: a review of six   |

| <b>Compound</b>                               | <b>Matrix</b>     | <b>Useful link</b>   |
|---|-------------------|--|
|   |                   | Trichothecenes<br><a href="#">RIVM report</a>  |
| T2-triol<br><b>(not classified in IARC)</b>   | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | NS <sup>(1)</sup>  |
| Verrucol<br><b>(not classified in IARC)</b>   | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | NS <sup>(1)</sup>  |
| Zearalenon<br><b>(IARC classification: 3)</b> | Food              | Opinion of the Scientific Committee on Food on Fusarium-toxins. Part 2: Zearalenone (ZEA), (expressed on 22 June 2000)<br>SCF/CS/CNTM/MYC/22 Rev 3 Final<br><a href="#">SCF opinion (SCF/CS/CNTM/MYC/22 Rev 3 Final)</a> |
|   | Feed              | Opinion of the Scientific Panel on contaminants in the food chain [CONTAM] related to Zearalenone as undesirable substance in animal feed. Adopted in 2004<br><a href="#">The EFSA Journal (2004) 89, 1-35</a>           |
|   | NS <sup>(1)</sup> | Cancer Potency:<br><a href="#">CPDB - Zearalenon</a>   |

(1) Not specified



## Occurrence

On the web site of the Directorate-General for Health and Consumers (DG SANCO), under the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed, a list of alert notifications, information notifications and border rejections for various contaminations and/or non-compliances for food and feed can be found: [RASFF](#), [RASFF weekly overview](#), [RASFF Report 2007](#), [International Portal on Food Safety, Animal & Plant Health](#)

**Table 6: Some links concerning Mycotoxin occurrence in various matrices**

| <b>Compound</b> | <b>Matrix</b>                | <b>Useful link</b>  |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---|
| Mycotoxins      | Unprocessed cereals and Feed | Conditions of fungi growth:<br><a href="#">Mycotoxins.info</a>  |
|                 |                              | Geographical distribution of occurrence:<br><a href="#">Mycotoxins.info</a>   |
|                 |                              | Feed storage conditions:<br><a href="#">Mycotoxins.info</a>   |
|                 |                              | "Grain storage techniques - Evolution and trends in developing countries" - Edited by D.L. Proctor, FAO Consultant<br><a href="#">FAO Agricultural Services Bulletin n. 109</a> |
|                 | Feed                         | Mouldy grains, mycotoxins and feeding problems<br><a href="#">OHIO State University - Mycotoxins</a>  |
|                 | Food                         | "Mycotoxins: The Cost of Achieving Food Security and Food Quality"<br><a href="#">APS Net</a>   |
|                 |                              | "Manual on the application of the HACCP system in Mycotoxin prevention and control"<br><a href="#">FAO Food and Nutrition Paper 73</a>  |
|                 |                              | "Food, Nutrition and Agriculture"<br><a href="#">FAO Food and Nutrition Paper 23</a>  |
|                 |                              | "Effect of Food Processing on Mycotoxin Levels"<br><a href="#">EMAN - Expert factsheet</a>  |
|                 |                              | Decontamination of mycotoxin contaminated raw materials<br><a href="#">EMAN - Training course</a>   |
|                 |                              | "Evaluation of certain mycotoxins in food" Fifty-sixth report of the JECFA – WHO Technical Report Series n. 906<br><a href="#">WHO Publication PDF</a>                          |
|                 | Environment                  | "Climate change: implications for food safety"<br><a href="#">FAO PDF file</a>  |
|                 |                              | <a href="#">Mould-help webpage: a list of mycotoxins</a>  |

| <b>Compound</b>  | <b>Matrix</b> | <b>Useful link</b>  |
|--|---------------|---|
|  |               | <a href="#">Mould-help web page: description of possible indoor fungi and effects of the produced toxins</a>  |
| Aflatoxins   | Food          | "Prevention of aflatoxin in pistachios" E. Boutrif<br><a href="#">FAO Food and Nutrition Paper 21</a>   |
|  |               | "Aflatoxin Contamination of Commercial Maize Products during an Outbreak of Acute Aflatoxicosis in Eastern and Central Kenya"<br><a href="#">Environmental Health Perspectives - 2005</a>   |
|  | Air           | Chemical Sampling Information – Aflatoxin (B2)<br><a href="#">OSHA.gov</a>  |
| Fumonisin  | Food and Feed | Fumonisin Levels in Human Foods and Animal Feeds<br><a href="#">CFSAN - FDA - Guidance for Industry</a>   |
|  | Food          | SCOOP report: "Collection of occurrence data of Fusarium toxins in food and assessment of dietary intake by the population of EU Member States"<br><a href="#">Task 3.2.10 (April 2003)</a> |
|  |               | "Mycotoxin prevention and decontamination – a case study on maize"<br><a href="#">FAO Food and Nutrition Paper 22</a>   |
| Ochratoxin A   | Food          | SCOOP report: "Assessment of dietary intake of Ochratoxin A by the population of EU Member States"<br><a href="#">Task 3.2.7 (January 2002)</a>   |
|  |               | "Surveillance and Occurrence Studies on Ochratoxin A"<br><a href="#">EMAN - Expert factsheet</a>  |
|  |               | Naturally Occurring Ochratoxins<br><a href="#">EMAN - Basic factsheet</a>   |
| Patulin  | Food          | SCOOP report: "Assessment of dietary intake of Patulin by the population of EU Member States"<br><a href="#">Task 3.2.8 (March 2002)</a>  |
|  |               | Sec. 510.150 Apple Juice, Apple Juice Concentrates, and Apple Juice Products - Adulteration with Patulin<br><a href="#">FDA - Compliance guidance document</a>                              |
| Trichothecenes   | Air           | Maxwell-Gunter AFB<br><a href="#">Trichothecenes mycotoxins</a>   |
|  | Various       | "Toxicology and occurrence of nivalenol, fusarenon X, diacetoxyscirpenol, neosolaniol and 3- and 15-acetyldeoxynivalenol: a review of six Trichothecenes"<br><a href="#">RIVM report</a>    |
|  | Food          | SCOOP report: "Collection of occurrence data of Fusarium toxins in food and assessment of dietary intake by the population of EU Member States"<br><a href="#">Task 3.2.10 (April 2003)</a> |
| Research Project: "Control of Fusarium Graminearum mycotoxins in wheat, barley and corn" |               |   |

| <b>Compound</b> | <b>Matrix</b> | <b>Useful link</b>  |
|-----------------|---------------|---|
|                 |               | <a href="#">USDA - Agricultural Research Service</a>  |
| Zearalenon      | Food          | SCOOP report: "Collection of occurrence data of Fusarium toxins in food and assessment of dietary intake by the population of EU Member States"<br><a href="#">Task 3.2.10 (April 2003)</a> |
|                 |               | "Safety evaluation of certain food additives and contaminants"<br><a href="#">WHO - Food Additives Series 44 (2000)</a>   |

## ***Useful links***

### **European Commission**

DG Health and Consumers – Food and feed safety – Contaminants: [Patulin](#) ; [Ochratoxin A](#) ; [Fusarium toxins](#) ; [Aflatoxins](#) (Directorate General Health and Consumers of the European Commission – DG SANCO)

[EFSA](#) (European Food Safety Authority)

### **International organisations of general interest for analytical chemistry and food safety**

[AACC](#) (AACC International – formerly denominated American Association of Cereal Chemists)

[ACS-AGFD](#) & [ACS-AC](#) (American Chemical Society – Agricultural and Food Chemistry Division & Analytical Chemistry Division)

[AOAC](#) (AOAC International – The Association of Official Analytical Chemists)

[CEN](#) (European Committee for Standardization)

[CIAA](#) (Confederation of the Food and Drink Industries in the EU. The webpage includes general information about food production and agricultural subjects)

[CITAC](#) (Cooperation on International Traceability in Analytical Chemistry)

[Codex Alimentarius](#) (Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards)

[EA](#) (European co-operation for Accreditation: association for accreditation bodies)

[Eurachem](#) (A network of organisations working for the improvement of traceability of chemical measurements)

[Euramet](#) (European Association of National Metrology Institutes)

[Eurolab](#) (the European Federation of National Associations of Measurement, Testing and Analytical Laboratories)

[FDA](#) (US Food and Drug Administration - National Food Safety Programs)

[IAF](#) (International Accreditation Forum)

[IAFP](#) (International Association for Food Protection portal)

[ILAC](#) (International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation)  
mycotoxins in feed)

[IPFSAPH](#) (International Portal on Food Safety, Animal and Plant Health - IPFSAPH)

[ISO](#) (International Organization for Standardization)

[IUPAC](#) (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry)

[NMI](#) (National Measurement Institute – Australia)

[NMKL](#) (Nordic committee on food analysis – Methods, Guidelines - e.g. Validation Protocol, Measurement Uncertainty - Training, list of Expert Laboratories are only a few examples of the very useful information that are available in the web-page, some information only accessible upon subscription)

[OECD](#) (Organisation for economic co-operation and development)

[USDA](#) (United States Department of Agriculture – Food Safety Research Information Office)

[VAM](#) (National Measurement System - Chemical and Biological Metrology Website: Guides and other useful publications)

[WTO](#) (World Trade Organisation)

### **Organisations of specific interest and some e-publications**

[AAFCO](#) (Association of American Feed Control Officials)

[aspergillus.org](#) (List of mycotoxin metabolites, including their chemical and toxicological properties)

[Aspergillusflavus.org](#) (Webpage mostly for botanical and medical applications)

[BIOCOP](#), [BIOCOP - Workpackage 10: Mycotoxins](#) (the FP6 Biocop project, focussing on new measurement strategies applied to detection of food contamination. The webpage includes a description of the project and a regularly updated "Events" page).

[Cereal Disease Laboratory](#) (webpage of the Cereal Disease Laboratory of the Agriculture Research Service – United States Department of Agriculture)

[CRLs-Pesticides](#) (common portal for all Community Reference Laboratories for Residues of Pesticides: well organised and containing a lot of useful information)

[CRL for dioxins and PCBs in feed and food](#)

[CRL for Marine Biotoxins](#)

[fera](#) (The food and Environment Research Agency web site)

[FAO - mycotoxins section](#) (Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) - activities on mycotoxins)

[Food magazine.eu](#)

[ICRISAT-Aflatoxins](#) (International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics - Patancheru, India. The webpage presents a general overview on aflatoxins)

[Micotoxinas - boletim](#) (Newsletter of the Brazilian website dedicated to scientific news on mycotoxins)

[Molnar Institute](#) (Software for chromatography, collection of literature on HPLC methods development and application, training)

[MoniQA project](#) (FP6 MoniQA - "Monitoring and Quality Assurance in the Food Supply Chain" - project webpage: quality assurance and quality control for bio toxins and mycotoxins is one of the priority topics of the project)

[Mycobank](#) (a complete database of all fungi)

[Myco-globe](#) (FP6 project for an integrated system for mycotoxins)

[Mycology](#) (Webpage for medical and botanical applications)

[Mycotoxins: biosecurity and food safety](#) (US Purdue University Project "Mycotoxins: Biosecurity and Food Safety")

[Mycotoxin Newsletter](#) (IUPAC Mycotoxin Newsletter edited by Carlo Brera of the ISS-Italy)

[Mycotoxins.org](#) (European Mycotoxin Awareness Network – EMAN. A very important site for all people working in fields of research on which mycotoxins have impact: chemistry, agriculture, health. It contains information on: analytical methods, test kits, prevention and HACCP, quality assurance issue, etc.)

[OHIO State University](#) (Project on mycotoxins: a large amount of useful information and links reported)

[Purdue University](#) (Indiana - United States, Purdue University, Biosecurity and Food Safety, list of useful links)

[The SAFE Consortium](#) (European Association for Food Safety web page: among the items of the consortium database, several are related for mycotoxin prevention and control, rapid detection methods in food and feed, isolation and characterization of masked mycotoxins in cereals and derived products, methods for simultaneous determination of mycotoxins in cereals and derived products)

## **Publications**

Some of the most popular search engines that can be used to find scientific literature sources (books, journals and others) and to search for specific items are listed below:

[SCIRUS](#) (over 450 million scientific items indexed)

[Food navigator](#) (Foodnavigator.com Europe)

[Agris](#) (FAO Search application for Agricultural Sciences and Technologies)

[SCOPUS](#)

[ScienceDirect](#)

[SwetsWise](#)

[PubMed](#)

[EBSCO](#)

The following journals are relevant for the mycotoxin field:

[World Mycotoxin Journal](#)

[Mycotoxin Research](#)

[International Journal of Food Microbiology](#)

[Food additives & contaminants](#)

[Toxin reviews](#)

[Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry](#)

[Food and Chemical Toxicology](#)

[Mycotoxins - Japanese Society of Mycology](#)

## **Books**

The following books are some of the works that could be considered as a helpful support in the field of Mycotoxins.

*The mycotoxin factbook - Food & feed topics*, D. Barug, D. Bhatnagar, H.P. van Egmond, J.W. van der Kamp, W.A. van Osenbruggen and A. Visconti Editors. **2006**: Wageningen Academic Publishers.

[Wageningen Academic Publishers link for book description](#)

*Manual on the application of the HACCP system in Mycotoxin prevention and control*, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Editor. **2001**: FAO.

[FAO - PDF file of the book](#)

*Natural Toxicants in Food (Chapters 7, 9 and following)*, D.H. Watson Editor. **1998**: Sheffield Academic Press – CRC Press.

[FAO - AGRIS link for book description](#)

*Mycotoxins in fruit and vegetables*, R. Barkai-Golan Editor. **2008**: Academic Press, Elsevier.

[Elsevier link for book description](#)

*Food Contaminants and Residue Analysis, 51*, Y. Picó, Editor. **2008**: Elsevier.

[Elsevier link for book description](#)

*The Mycotoxin Blue Book*, Duarte Diaz Editor. **2005**: Nottingham University Press.  
[Springerlink - Book review](#)

*Mycotoxin prevention and control in foodgrains*, R.L. Semple, A.S. Frio, P.A. Hicks and J.V. Lozare Editors. **1989**: RAP Publication.  
[FAO link for book download](#)

## **Guidelines**

### **Description of Standardisation bodies activities**

CEN (European Committee for Standardization) TC 275 is the Technical Committee for Food Analysis – Horizontal methods. Via the following links the current activities of the committee including released standards and on-going activities for the preparation of new standards can be consulted. Working group (WG) 5 (Biotoxins) and WG 0 (General considerations) are the two WGs dealing with items of interest for laboratories performing mycotoxin determinations in food matrices. For laboratories dealing with feed samples, information about activities of CEN/TC 327/WG 1 (Animal Feeding Stuffs – Methods of sampling and analysis – Organic contaminants) is important.

[CEN/TC 275](#), [CEN/TC 327](#)

ISO (International Organization for Standardization) is composed of many different Technical Committees. TC 34 (Food products), TC 69 (Applications of statistical methods), TC 176 (Quality management and quality assurance) and TC 243 (Project Committee: Consumer product safety) are the relevant ones for Food Control Laboratories. In the ISOTC Portal all information about current activities of the TCs can be found, within the Public information folder:

[ISO TC 34 \(Food Products\) Newsletter](#)

[ISO TC 69 webpage](#)

[ISO TC 176 webpage](#)

[ISO TC 243 webpage](#)



## **List of useful links to documents**

### [DG Health and Consumers Report on compliancy to legislative limits](#)

DG SANCO Report on the relationship between analytical results, measurement uncertainty, recovery factors and the provisions of EU Food and Feed legislation, with particular reference to Community legislation concerning contaminants in food and undesirable substances in feed

### [DG Health and Consumers Document on correct interpretation of EU legislation on mycotoxins](#)

Directorate General for Health and Consumers "Guidance document for competent authorities for the control of compliance with EU legislation on aflatoxins"

### [AOAC Document on method validation](#)

Validation: An invisible Component of Measurement. An explicative paper concerning the meaning of validation, written by Horwitz.

### [AOAC Book on accreditation](#)

AOAC Book "Guidelines for Laboratories Performing Microbiological and Chemical Analyses of Food and Pharmaceuticals"

### [AOAC ALACC Guide 2007](#)

AOAC Guide "How to Meet ISO 17025 - Requirements for Method Verification"

### [CEN Guidance document](#)

Guidance - Uncertainty of measurement concept in European Standards

### [List of EA publications](#)

#### [EA 04/16](#)

European Co-operation for Accreditation "EA guidelines on the expression of uncertainty in quantitative testing"

#### [EA 04/14](#)

EA Guideline "The Selection and Use of Reference Materials"

### [Eurachem Guide on uncertainty](#)

Measurement uncertainty arising from sampling: A guide to methods and approaches Produced jointly by Eurachem, EUROLAB, CITAC, Nordtest and the RSC Analytical Methods Committee

### [Eurachem Guide on compliance of results](#)

Eurachem/CITAC guide: "Use of uncertainty information in compliance assessment"

### [Eurachem Guide on methods fitness for purpose](#)

Eurachem Guide "The Fitness for Purpose of Analytical Methods. A Laboratory Guide to Method Validation and Related Topics"

### [Eurachem/CITAC CG2](#)

Eurachem/CITAC Guide "Quality Assurance for Research and Development and Non-routine Analysis"

[IUPAC/ISO/AOAC International/Eurachem Report on Recovery](#)

"Harmonised guidelines for the use of recovery information in analytical measurement"

[Eurachem/CITAC CG4](#)

EURACHEM / CITAC Guide "Quantifying Uncertainty in Analytical Measurement" Second Edition

[Eurachem Guide for proficiency testing](#)

Eurachem Guide "Selection, use and interpretation of proficiency testing (PT) schemes by laboratories – 2000 Edition 1.0"

[Eurachem/CITAC Guide on accreditation](#)

Eurachem/CITAC "Guide to Quality in Analytical Chemistry - An Aid to Accreditation"

[Eurachem Guide EEE-RM-062rev3](#)

Eurachem Guide "The selection and use of Reference Materials – A basic guide for laboratories and accreditation bodies"

[Eurachem/CITAC Guide on Traceability](#)

EURACHEM / CITAC Guide "Traceability in Chemical Measurement - A guide to achieving comparable results in chemical measurement"

[Eurolab Report on MU](#)

Eurolab Technical Report n. 1/2007 "Measurement uncertainty revisited: Alternative approaches to uncertainty evaluation"

[Eurolab Report on Flexible Scope Accreditation](#)

Eurolab Technical Report n. 2/2008 "EUROLAB Inquiry: Use of the Accreditation Symbol and Accreditation with Flexible Scope – Results"

[ILAC Guidelines](#) (a list of the issued documents related to Quality Assurance and Control in Laboratories)

[ILAC Document on MU](#)

ILAC Guide G17:2002 "Introducing the Concept of Uncertainty of Measurement in Testing in Association with the Application of the Standard ISO/IEC 17025"

[ILAC Document on RM](#)

ILAC Guide G9:2005 "Guidelines for the Selection and Use of Reference Materials"

[ILAC Document on Calibration](#)

ILAC Guide G24:2007 "Guidelines for the determination of calibration intervals of measuring instruments"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO Guide 33:2000 "Uses of certified reference materials"

[ISO Technical Specification](#)

ISO/TS 21748:2004 "Guidance for the use of repeatability, reproducibility and trueness estimates in measurement uncertainty estimation"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO 13528:2005 "Statistical methods for use in proficiency testing by interlaboratory comparisons"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO Guide 32:1997 "Calibration in analytical chemistry and use of certified reference materials"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO 11843-1:1997 "Capability of detection -- Part 1: Terms and definitions"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO 11843-2:2000 "Capability of detection -- Part 2: Methodology in the linear calibration case"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO 11843-3:2003 "Capability of detection -- Part 3: Methodology for determination of the critical value for the response variable when no calibration data are used"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO 11843-4:2003 "Capability of detection -- Part 4: Methodology for comparing the minimum detectable value with a given value"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO 11843-5:2008 "Capability of detection -- Part 5: Methodology in the linear and non-linear calibration cases"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO 11095:1996 "Linear calibration using reference materials"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO 7966:1993 "Acceptance control charts"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO 7870-1:2007 "Control charts -- Part 1: General guidelines"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO 8258:1991 "Shewhart control charts"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO/TR 7871:1997 "Cumulative sum charts -- Guidance on quality control and data analysis using CUSUM techniques"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO 7873:1993 "Control charts for arithmetic average with warning limits"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO 3534-1:2006 "Statistics -- Vocabulary and symbols -- Part 1: General statistical terms and terms used in probability"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO 3534-2:2006 "Statistics -- Vocabulary and symbols -- Part 2: Applied statistics"

[ISO Standard](#)

ISO 3534-3:1999 "Statistics -- Vocabulary and symbols -- Part 3: Design of experiments"

[IUPAC Document on PTs](#)

IUPAC Technical report – "The International Harmonized Protocol for the proficiency testing of analytical chemistry laboratories" M. Thompson et al.

[IUPAC Document on IQC](#)

IUPAC Technical report - "Harmonized guidelines for internal quality control in analytical chemistry laboratories" M. Thompson and R. Wood

[IUPAC Document on MV](#)

IUPAC Technical report – "Harmonized guidelines for single-laboratory validation of methods of analysis" M. Thompson et al.

[IUPAC Document on recovery](#)

IUPAC Recommendations "Use of the terms "recovery" and "apparent recovery" in analytical procedures" D.T. Burns et al.

[LGC best practice guide for calibration design](#)

LGC Document "Preparation to calibration curves – a guide to best practice. (2003)

[NIST Document on MU](#)

NIST Technical Note 1297 - 1994 Edition "Guidelines for Evaluating and Expressing the Uncertainty of NIST Measurement Results"

[NORDTEST Document on MU](#)

NORDTEST Technical report 537 (2003) – "Handbook for Calculation of Measurement Uncertainty in Environmental Laboratories"

[The Royal Society of Chemistry - AMC](#)

Analytical Methods Committee Technical Briefs: a series of short publications of very high utility for analytical chemists

[VIM 2008- Bureau International des Poids et Mesures \(BIPM\)](#)

International vocabulary of metrology — Basic and general concepts and associated terms

## ***Training***

Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements

[JRC - IRMM Training page](#)

SARAF (School for Advanced Residue Analysis in Food)

Courses about analytical, QC and QA, reporting aspects for residues in food.

[SARAF](#)

Basic Toxicology Courses. Covered topics range from basic principles of toxicology to epidemiology, from legislation to risk assessment.

[EUROTOX](#)

Community Reference Laboratory for Single Residue Methods training programme 2008

[CRL pesticides training page](#)

LGC: training on method validation, quality management, internal auditing, accreditation

[LGC courses list](#)

Molnar Institute intensive courses for HPLC users

[MI courses](#)

The United Kingdom Accreditation Service calendar of courses

[UKAS training](#)

## ***Proficiency testing providers***

Database of Proficiency Tests available in Europe: [EPTIS](#)

[AACC](#)

[AAFCCO](#)

[AOAC](#)

[FAPAS](#)

[FEPAS](#)

[LGC](#)

[National Measurement Institute](#) of Australia

[UNICHIM](#) (in Italian)

## ***Suppliers of calibrations standards (pure substances, solutions, isotopically labelled standards)***

Mycotoxin detection kits tested and validated by AOAC (Association of Analytical Communities)

[AOAC](#)

Single standards (solid and solutions) and mixtures

[Tecna LAB](#)

Single standards (solid and solutions) and mixtures, from different suppliers

[ChemIndustry: example of search for Ochratoxin A](#)

Single standards (solid and solutions, native or labelled, and conjugates) or calibrant mixtures

[SIGMA Aldrich](#)

Single standards (solid and solutions) and mixtures, from different suppliers.

[VWR](#)

Single standards (solid and solutions, native and labelled, conjugates and masked) and calibrant mixtures. Datasheets for registered users.

[Romer Labs](#)

Single standards (solid and solutions) and mixtures, from different suppliers.

[Chemexper](#)

Bioactive substances and standard solutions (producer and distributor).

[Fermentek](#)

Single standards (solid and solutions, native and labelled, conjugates) and calibrant mixtures. Datasheets available.

[Biopure](#)

Single standards (solid and solutions, native and labelled, conjugates) and calibrant mixtures. Datasheets available.

[LGC Standards](#)

## ***Certified reference materials and reference materials***

Certified matrix and pure substance reference materials

[JRC - IRMM catalogue PDF format](#) or [JRC - IRMM catalogue search engine](#)

BCR® - 423 (Aflatoxin M1 in chloroform)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

ERM® - AC057 (Aflatoxin B1 in acetonitrile)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

ERM® - AC058 (Aflatoxin B2 in acetonitrile)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

ERM® - AC059 (Aflatoxin G1 in acetonitrile)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

ERM® - AC060 (Aflatoxin G2 in acetonitrile)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

IRMM - 315 (Deoxynivalenol in acetonitrile)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

ERM® - AC699 (Zearalenone in acetonitrile)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

BCR® - 262R (Defatted peanut meal Aflatoxin B1 blank)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

BCR® - 385R (Peanut butter - Aflatoxin high level)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

BCR® - 263R (Peanut meal containing Aflatoxin B1, B2, G1 and G2)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

BCR® - 264R (Defatted peanut meal containing Aflatoxin B1 at high level)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

BCR® - 375 (Compound feed Aflatoxin B1 blank)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

BCR® - 377 (Maize flour Deoxynivalenol blank)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

BCR® - 396 (Wheat flour Deoxynivalenol blank)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

BCR® - 471 (Wheat flour Ochratoxin A blank)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

ERM® - BC716 (Maize Zearalenone blank)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

ERM® - BC717 (Maize containing Zearalenone)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

ERM® - BD282 (Whole milk powder Aflatoxin M1 blank)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

ERM® - BD283 (Whole milk powder containing Aflatoxin M1 low level)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

ERM® - BD284 (Whole milk powder containing Aflatoxin M1 high level)

[JRC - IRMM link to the product](#)

SRM® 2387 (Peanut butter - reference values for Aflatoxins B1, B2, and total aflatoxins)

[NIST link to the product](#)

Materials characterised by proficiency testing providers

[FAPAS](#)

[Romer Labs](#)

## **Consumables**

Elisa test kits and immunoaffinity clean-up columns IAC for various mycotoxins: [Tecna LAB](#), [Romer Labs](#), [R-Biopharm](#), [Grace Division](#), [Vicam](#), [Neogen](#), [Coring System Diagnostix GmbH](#), [Abraxis Bioscience](#)

"Monoclonal antibody-based indirect competitive ELISA for the detection of T-2 toxin in wheat, maize, and baby food"

[Biocop presentation of ELISA test kit](#)



## Analytical methods

**Table 7: Standardised methods for Mycotoxin determination in various matrices**

| <b>Matrix</b> | <b>Method</b>  | <b>Comments/links</b>  |
|---------------|--|--|
| Food          | CEN/TR 15298:2006  | Foodstuffs - Sample comminution for mycotoxins analysis - Comparison between dry milling and slurry mixing<br><a href="#">CEN standards page</a>   |
| Food          | CR 13505:1999  | Food analysis - Biotoxins - Criteria of analytical methods of mycotoxins<br><a href="#">CEN standards page</a>   |
| Food          | EN ISO 14675:2003  | Milk and milk products - Guidelines for a standardized description of competitive enzyme immunoassays - Determination of aflatoxin M1 content<br><a href="#">CEN standards page</a>  |
| Food          | ISO 14501:2007   | Milk and milk powder -- Determination of aflatoxin M1 content -- Clean-up by immunoaffinity chromatography and determination by high-performance liquid chromatography<br><a href="#">ISO purchase page</a>  |
| Food          | ISO 14674:2005   | Milk and milk powder -- Determination of aflatoxin M1 content -- Clean-up by immunoaffinity chromatography and determination by thin-layer chromatography<br><a href="#">ISO purchase page</a>   |
| Food          | EN 14123:2007  | Foodstuffs - Determination of aflatoxin B1 and the sum of aflatoxin B1, B2, G1 and G2 in hazelnuts, peanuts, pistachios, figs, and paprika powder - High performance liquid chromatographic method with post-column derivatisation and immunoaffinity column cleanup<br><a href="#">CEN standards page</a> |
| Food          | ISO 16050:2003   | Foodstuffs -- Determination of aflatoxin B1, and the total content of aflatoxins B1, B2, G1 and G2 in cereals, nuts and derived products -- High-performance liquid chromatographic method<br><a href="#">ISO purchase page</a>  |
| Food          | EN 12955:1999  | Foodstuffs - Determination of aflatoxin B1, and the sum of aflatoxins B1, B2, G1 and G2 in cereals, shell-fruits and derived products - High performance liquid chromatographic method with post column derivatisation and immunoaffinity column clean up<br><a href="#">CEN standards page</a>            |
| Food          | 2008.02 (AOAC Methods Adopted as First Action Official Methods <sup>SM</sup> ) | Total Aflatoxins B1, B2, G1, and G2 and Ochratoxin A in Ginseng and Ginger by Multitoxin Immunoaffinity Column Cleanup and Liquid Chromatographic Quantitation<br><a href="#">AOAC - link to list of official methods</a>  |
| Feed          | ISO 17375:2006   | Animal feeding stuffs -- Determination of aflatoxin B1<br><a href="#">ISO purchase page</a>  |

| <b>Matrix</b> | <b>Method</b>                              | <b>Comments/links</b>   |
|---------------|--|---|
| Feed          | ISO 6651:2001                              | Animal feeding stuffs -- Semi-quantitative determination of aflatoxin B1 -- Thin-layer chromatographic methods<br><a href="#">ISO purchase page</a>   |
| Feed          | ISO 14718:1998                             | Animal feeding stuffs -- Determination of aflatoxin B1 content of mixed feeding stuffs -- Method using high-performance liquid chromatography<br><a href="#">ISO purchase page</a>  |
| Food          | PVM 2: 1997<br>(AOAC peer-verified method) | Determination of Deoxynivalenol in White Flour, Whole Wheat Flour, and Bran by Solid-Phase Extraction/Liquid Chromatography<br><a href="#">AOAC - List of Approved peer-verified methods</a>  |
| Food          | EN 14352:2004                              | Document title Foodstuffs - Determination of fumonisin B1 and B2 in maize based foods - HPLC method with immunoaffinity column clean up<br><a href="#">CEN standards page</a>   |
| Food          | EN 13585:2001                              | Foodstuffs - Determination of fumonisins B1 and B2 in maize - HPLC method with solid phase extraction clean-up<br><a href="#">CEN standards page</a>  |
| Food          | EN 14352:2004                              | Foodstuffs - Determination of Fumonisin B1 and B2 in maize based foods - HPLC method with immunoaffinity column clean up<br><a href="#">CEN standards page</a>  |
| Food          | EN ISO 15141-1:1998<br>EN ISO 15141-2:1998 | Foodstuffs - Determination of ochratoxin A in cereals and cereal products - Part 1: High performance liquid chromatographic method with silica gel clean up<br>Foodstuffs - Determination of ochratoxin A in cereals and cereal products - Part 2: High performance liquid chromatographic method with bicarbonate clean up<br><a href="#">CEN standards page</a> |
| Food          | EN 14132:2003/AC:2006                      | Foodstuffs - Determination of ochratoxin A in barley and roasted coffee - HPLC method with immunoaffinity column clean-up<br><a href="#">CEN standards page</a>   |
| Food          | EN 14177:2003                              | Foodstuffs - Determination of Patulin in clear and cloudy apple juice and puree - HPLC method with liquid/liquid partition clean-up<br><a href="#">CEN standards page</a>   |
| Food          | ISO 8128-1:1993                            | Apple juice, apple juice concentrates and drinks containing apple juice -- Determination of patulin content -- Part 1: Method using high-performance liquid chromatography<br><a href="#">ISO purchase page</a>   |
| Food          | ISO 8128-2:1993                            | Apple juice, apple juice concentrates and drinks containing apple juice -- Determination of patulin content -- Part 2: Method using thin-layer chromatography<br><a href="#">ISO purchase page</a>  |
| Feed          | ISO 17372:2008                             | Animal feeding stuffs -- Determination of zearalenone by immunoaffinity column chromatography and high performance liquid chromatography  |

| <b>Matrix</b> | <b>Method</b>                                     | <b>Comments/links</b>   |
|---------------|---|---|
|               |   | <a href="#">ISO purchase page</a>   |
| Feed          | ISO 6870:2002                                     | Animal feeding stuffs -- Qualitative determination of zearalenone<br><a href="#">ISO purchase page</a>  |
| Cereals       | AACC approved methods 10 <sup>th</sup> edition    | Chapter 45 is dedicated to analytical methods for mycotoxins. Access restricted to members<br><a href="#">AACC International approved methods</a> |
| Food and feed | No Official Reference but reference to literature | <a href="#">EMAS - link to the method for Patulin</a>   |
|               |   | <a href="#">EMAS - link to method for Ochratoxin A</a>  |
|               |   | <a href="#">EMAS - link to method for Trichothecenes</a>  |
|               |   | <a href="#">EMAS - link to method for Fumonisin</a>   |
|               |   | <a href="#">EMAS - link to method for Zearalenon</a>  |
|               |   | <a href="#">EMAS - link to method for Aflatoxins</a>  |
| Food          | AOAC Official Methods of Analysis - Chapter 49    | Mycotoxins (Aflatoxins B1/B2/G1/G2, Aflatoxin M1, Deoxynivalenol, Ochratoxins, Patulin, Sterigmatocystin, Zearalenon)                             |



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**Abstract**

This Technical Report of the Community Reference Laboratory (CRL) for Mycotoxins aims to deliver useful scientific information to all laboratories dealing with mycotoxins determination in food, but also in other matrices. Chemical data of the mycotoxins of concern, European legislation related to mycotoxins in food and feed and web-links to toxicological information on these compounds are reported. Also the occurrence and analytical methods are included. A long list of links to international organisations of general interest for analytical chemistry and food safety and of organisations of specific interest as well as some e-publications is included. Also links for books, international guidelines, proficiency test providers, standards and consumables suppliers can be found. From the first edition, links were checked and, when necessary, corrected; some information was added.

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