



## CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIAL BCR<sup>®</sup> – 375

### CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

COMPOUND FEED		
Compound	Certified value (mass fraction) <sup>1,2)</sup> µg/kg	Number of accepted sets of results p
Aflatoxin B <sub>1</sub>	< 1	14

1) Expressed on material as supplied.  
2) The certified value is the unweighted mean of the means of p sets of results. These sets of results were provided by different laboratories using HPLC and TLC with different separation and detection conditions. The certified value is traceable to the molar absorption coefficient of aflatoxin B<sub>1</sub> in chloroform ( $\epsilon = 2230 \text{ m}^2/\text{mol}$  at the maximum near 363 nm; Annex B.3.12. of Commission Directive 92/95/EEC amending Commission Directive 76/372/EEC).

This certificate is valid for one year after purchase.

Sales date:

The minimum amount of sample to be used is 20 g.

#### NOTE

This material has been certified by BCR (Community Bureau of Reference, the former reference materials programme of the European Commission). The certificate has been revised under the responsibility of IRMM.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE SAMPLE

The material is a finely ground compound feed. It is supplied in units of about 50 g in sachets sealed under vacuum.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **ANALYTICAL METHOD USED FOR CERTIFICATION**

The methods used for certification involved instrumental determination by high performance liquid chromatography using a variety of separating and detection conditions as well as by two-dimensional thin-layer chromatography. The methods also varied in their initial extraction and cleanup procedures. Details of the methods used are given in the certification report.

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## **SAFETY INFORMATION**

The usual laboratory safety precautions apply.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

The material is intended to serve as an analytical blank:

- a) for recovery experiments (the whole of the portion should be taken for recovery; see certification report, instructions for use).
- b) to investigate laboratory contamination during storage and analysis of samples.
- c) to investigate limits of detection and determination of analytical procedures.
- d) to check the specificity of a method for aflatoxin B<sub>1</sub>.

The laboratory must judge whether the given limit of the aflatoxin B<sub>1</sub> mass fraction is sufficient for its purposes.

A deep-frozen sachet should be allowed to warm to room temperature (e.g. overnight) before opening to avoid water condensation. The contents should be thoroughly mixed before sub-samples are taken. After opening, the material should be used on the same day.

## **STORAGE**

The material should be stored unopened at – 30 °C.

However, the European Commission cannot be held responsible for changes that happen during storage of the material at the customer's premises, especially of opened samples.

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## **NOTE**

A technical report on the production of BCR-375 is available on the internet (<http://www.irmm.jrc.be>). A paper copy can be obtained from IRMM on request.