

## **COEI-2-ZINC Determination of zinc by atomic absorption spectrometry**

### **1. Principle**

The zinc is determined directly by atomic absorption spectrometry by flame.

### **2. Apparatus**

Instrumental parameters: (given as an example)

- atomic absorption spectrometer
- oxidant air-acetylene flame
- wave length: 213.9 nm
- hollow-cathode lamp (zinc)
- width of slit: 0.5 nm
- intensity of the lamp: 3.5 mA
- correction of the non specific absorption with a deuterium lamp.

### **3. Reagents**

3.1. Pure demineralised water for analysis

3.2. Pure nitric acid for analysis at 65%

3.3. Zinc reference solution at 1 g/l commercial or prepared as follows: dissolve 4.5497 g of  $Zn(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$  in a solution of  $HNO_3$  0.5 M, adjust at 1 l with  $HNO_3$  0.5 M.

3.4. Zinc solution at 10 mg/l:

- place 1 ml of the zinc reference solution in a 100 ml graduated flask, 1 ml of nitric acid (3.2) and complete to volume with pure demineralised water for analysis.

5. Set of calibration solution: 0.2; 0.4; 0.6; 0.8; 1.0 mg/l: place successively 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ml of the zinc solution at 10 mg/l in 5, 50 ml graduated flasks, complete to volume with pure demineralised water for analysis.

### **4. Preparation of samples**

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The liquid or solution samples must have concentrations between 0 and 1 mg/l of zinc.

The solid samples are mineralised by dry process.

The blank solution is made up of pure water for analysis containing 1% of nitric acid at 65%.

### **5. Procedure**

Pass successively the blank, the calibration solutions and the samples of oenological products.

The absorbency readings are performed for 10 seconds and the measurements are duplicated.

The concentrations of zinc in the samples are obtained from absorbency values.