

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1882/2006 of 19 December 2006  
laying down methods of sampling and analysis for the official control  
of the levels of nitrates in certain foodstuffs (Text with EEA relevance)

- Article 1 Sampling, sample preparation and analyses for the official control  
of...
- Article 2 This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day...  
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ANNEX

METHODS OF SAMPLING, SAMPLE PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS FOR  
OFFICIAL CONTROL OF LEVELS OF NITRATES IN CERTAIN FOODSTUFFS

- A. GENERAL PROVISIONS
- A.1 Scope
  - A.2 Definitions
  - A.3 General provisions
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    - A.3.2 Material to be sampled
    - A.3.3 Precautions to be taken
    - A.3.4 Incremental samples
    - A.3.5 Preparation of the aggregate sample
    - A.3.6 Replicate samples
    - A.3.7 Packaging and transmission of samples
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  - A.4 Different types of lots
- B. METHOD OF SAMPLING
- B.1 Sampling in the field
  - B.2 Sampling of lots of spinach, lettuce, baby foods and processed...
  - B.3 Sampling at retail stage
  - B.4 Assessment of compliance of a lot or subplot
- C. SAMPLE PREPARATION
- 1. In the case of sampling of fresh produce, sample preparation...
  - 2. Soil, heavily soiled and other outer non-edible and damaged leaves...
  - 3. The complete sample is to be homogenised (the addition of...
  - 4. One or more analytical samples are taken from the combined...
- D. METHOD OF ANALYSIS, REPORTING OF RESULTS AND LABORATORY  
CONTROL REQUIREMENTS...
- D.1 Definitions
  - D.2 General requirements
  - D.3 Specific requirements
    - D.3.1 Extraction procedure
    - D.3.2 Performance criteria

Notes to the performance criteria

- D.4 Reporting of results, estimation of measurement uncertainty and recovery calculation...
- D.5 Laboratory quality standards

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally adopted).*

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- (1) [OJ L 165, 30.4.2004, p. 1](#), as corrected by [OJ L 191, 28.5.2004, p. 1](#). Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 776/2006 ([OJ L 136, 24.5.2006, p. 3](#)).
- (2) See page 5 of this Official Journal.