Reference Material - Data Summary Sheet

GP Batch: 1063-C-1

Product Type: Cheddar Cheese

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Test Name	n Labs	n Values	Mean	Uncertainty of Mean [1]	k	Methods
Fat SBR (%)	5	8	34.83	+/- 0.08	2.36	ISO 1735/IDF 5, NZTM3.6.4
pH (pH units)	7	16	5.16	+/- 0.01	2.13	NZTM3.2.8
Protein (%)	5	9	22.82	+/- 0.14	2.31	ISO 8968-1/IDF 20-1
Salt (%)	6	13	1.85	+/- 0.01	2.18	ISO 5943/IDF 88, NZTM3.9.6

[1] *Uncertainty of Mean is an expanded standard error of the mean (SEM) with a level of confidence of 95%. The coverage factor (k) is the critical value of Student's t distribution with n - 1 degrees of freedom. This uncertainty may only represent the measurement reproducibility of the data used. It does not include all known associated uncertainties and does not suggest that all methods used are statistically equivalent.*

Intended Use: For the verification of analytical methods used to determine attributes of Cheddar Cheese

Description: 75 g+ grated, irradiated, packed in a plastic bag

Homogeneity: This reference material has been assessed as homogeneous.

Stability: An expiry period consistent with the shelf life of the unopened product and/or estimated from stability studies has been applied.

Storage: Store samples at approximately 4°C. Once opened, samples will be unstable due to moisture absorption.

Instructions for Use: Sample test portion size must be as stated in the method used in your laboratory; modification could invalidate the Reference values. The reference values provided for this product are only valid for a single use.

Reference Values: The Mean is the simple mean excluding outliers; *n labs* is the number of laboratories who contributed results, and *n values* is the number of results used to calculate the mean. The uncertainty of the mean is the range within which the true mean of the population can be expected to lie with 95% confidence. This value is derived in accordance with the procedures described in ISO 33405:2024 "Reference materials - Approaches for characterization and assessment of homogeneity and stability".

Quality Statement: The values shown have been generated from data submitted in an inter-laboratory comparison programme (ILCP). The ILCP and reference material production are accredited to ISO/IEC 17043:2023 and ISO 17034:2016 respectively. Generation of this reference material also includes the requirements of ISO 33401 and 33405, which relate to production, characterisation and final product presentation.

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