CALL FOR METHODS

Methods for Fructans in Animal Food (Animal Feed, pet food, and ingredients)

May 1, 2018: AOAC INTERNATIONAL invites method authors and developers to submit relevant methods that may meet the AOAC Standard Method Performance Requirements\textsuperscript{SM} (SMPR\textsuperscript{®}) for Fructans in Animal Food (Animal Feed, pet food, and ingredients - AOAC SMPR 2018.002). Submitted methods will be reviewed by an AOAC Expert Review Panel for consideration of AOAC First Action Official Methods of Analysis\textsuperscript{SM} status. Methods adopted as AOAC First Action Official Methods of Analysis by the Expert Review Panel will be published by AOAC INTERNATIONAL.

OBJECTIVE:
The objective of this call for methods is to collect relevant methods that may meet AOAC SMPR 2018.002 as established by the AOAC Stakeholder Panel on Strategic Food Analytical Methods (SPSFAM). All submitted methods will be subjected to evaluation by an AOAC Expert Review Panel (ERP), who will review them for AOAC Official Methods status. Any resulting approved/adopted Official Methods of Analysis can be used as a reference/regulatory method. Acceptable methods must demonstrate that they meet AOAC SMPR 2018.002, therefore, being reliable and reproducible when used by trained analysts in accredited laboratories.

METHOD ELIGIBILITY:
Prospective methods must measure total dietary fructan, such as inulin, levan, branched fructans, agavins (agave fructans), and fructooligosaccharides, in animal feed, pet food, and the corresponding ingredients. The method must be capable of distinguishing dietary fructans from interfering compounds such as glucose, fructose, sucrose, and other polysaccharides. See SMPR for further details.

Submit Your Method

AOAC INTERNATIONAL METHOD SUBMISSION PROCESS:
AOAC invites method authors to submit their methods with no fee required. Interested method authors or developers should provide a copy of their proposed method, as well as any available data characterizing the analytical performance and scientific validity of the method in AOAC format. For additional method author resources, please visit the AOAC Author Resource Center. Ideal method submissions should include a well written method procedure and be accompanied by data or information supporting the method’s applicability and demonstrating the method’s ability to meet the criteria of the AOAC standard method performance requirements.

Do you have further questions about the method submission process? Please contact us to organize a method developer Q&A session by teleconference.