CALL FOR METHODS

Methods for Sugars in Animal Feed, Pet Food, and Human Food

CURRENT DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2018

May 1, 2018: AOAC INTERNATIONAL invites method authors and developers to submit relevant methods that may meet the AOAC Standard Method Performance Requirements℠ (SMPR®) for Sugars in Animal Feed, Pet Food, and Human Food. Submitted methods will be reviewed by an AOAC Expert Review Panel for consideration of AOAC First Action Official Methods of Analysis℠ 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 2018.001 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 2018.001, therefore, being reliable and reproducible when used by trained analysts in accredited laboratories.

METHOD ELIGIBILITY:
Prospective methods must individually measure free nutritional sugars, minimally: fructose, galactose, glucose, sucrose, maltose, and lactose (found in selected ingredients and foods consumed by animals, pets, and humans. For the purpose of this call for methods, animal and pet foods are defined as material consumed or intended to be consumed by animals other than humans that contributes nutrition, taste or aroma or has a technical effect on the consumed material. Human food is defined as material consumed or intended to be consumed by adult humans. 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.

Expert in Fructan Analysis and/or AOAC method development? Volunteer to become a reviewer here.