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Reference Material 8692

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Aqueous Film-Forming Foams (AFFF) Formulation III

REFERENCE MATERIAL INFORMATION SHEET

Purpose: This Reference Material (RM) is intended for the identification and quantification of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in aqueous film-forming foams (AFFFs).

Description: A unit of RM 8692 consists of four 2 mL ampoules. Each ampoule contains approximately 1.2 mL of solution.

Non-Certified Values: Non-certified values are suitable for use in method development, method harmonization, and process control but do not provide metrological traceability to the International System of Units (SI) or other higher order reference system [1]. Non-certified mass fraction values are provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Non-Certified Values for RM 8692

Measurand	Common Acronym	Mass Fraction (as-received)[(a)] (µg/g)	
Perfluorobutanoic Acid	PFBA	0.0206	± 0.0001
Perfluorohexanoic Acid	PFHxA	0.0094	± 0.0006
Perfluorobutane Sulfonamide	PFBSA	0.00094	± 0.00026
6:2 Fluorotelomer Sulfonic Acid	6:2 FTS	0.0343	± 0.0045
6:2 Fluorotelomer Sulfonamide Propyl Betaine	6:2 FTAB	0.0144	± 0.0122

[(a)] Values are expressed as $x \pm U(x)$, where x is the value and $U(x)$ is the expanded uncertainty of the value. The expanded uncertainty is calculated as $U(x) = ku_c$ where u_c is the standard uncertainty and k is the coverage factor. For values shown, $k = 2$. While the best estimate of the mass fraction for the measurand lies within the interval $x \pm U(x)$, this interval may not include the true value.

Period of Validity: The non-certified values are valid within the measurement uncertainty specified until **31 January 2033.** The value assignments are nullified if the material is stored or used improperly, damaged, contaminated, or otherwise modified.

Maintenance of Non-Certified Value: NIST will monitor this material to the end of its period of validity. If substantive technical changes occur that affect the non-certified values during this period, NIST will update this Reference Material Information Sheet and notify registered users. RM users can register online from a link available on the NIST SRM website or fill out the user registration form that is supplied with the RM. Registration will facilitate notification. Before making use of any of the values delivered by this material, users should verify they have the most recent version of this documentation, available through the NIST SRM website (https://www.nist.gov/srm).

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Safety: This material contains per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), many of which have been reported to have toxic and/or carcinogenic properties and should be handled with care. Use proper disposal methods. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet provided with this material.

Storage: The original unopened bottles of RM 8692 should be stored at room temperature (20 °C ± 5 °C). The value assignment does not apply to contents of previously opened ampoules as the stability of the measurands in opened ampoules has not been investigated.

Use: Open ampoules carefully to prevent contamination or injury. The ampoules are pre-scored and should **NOT** be opened using a file. Sample aliquots for analysis should be withdrawn at 20 °C to 25 °C **immediately** after opening and should be processed without delay for the values in Table 1 to be valid within the stated uncertainties.

Additional Information: The non-certified value is a weighted mean of average mass fractions, with one average from gravimetric preparation and two averages from chromatographic measures [2,3]. The expanded uncertainty was determined using the Horn-Horn-Duncan (HHD) method [4] for variances and with the bootstrap method [5], which is consistent with the ISO/JCGM Guides [6,7]. The effective coverage factor, k, is 2.

Full details on the production and evaluation of RM 8692 are provided free of charge in reference 8.

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