

Report of the Uniform Methods Committee Spring Meeting, 1965

A method for Hydrocarbons-fats and oils has been prepared by a joint AOCS-AOAC Committee. The Commercial Fats and Oils Analysis Committee recommends for adoption this method. This method was accepted by the Uniform Methods Committee and approved for adoption as a tentative method. The method number is Cabc-65.

The Fats and Oils By-Product Analysis Committee requested for adoption as tentative a method for the APHA Color of Glycerol. After due consideration this method was recommended that it be placed in the Book of Methods as a tentative procedure. Method number, Ea9-65.

A method for determining Protein Dispersibility Index was submitted by a AOCS-AACC Committee and was approved for adoption as tentative by the Seed and Meal Analysis Committee. This method was accepted by the Uniform Methods Committee and approved for adoption as a tentative method. Method number, Ba10-65.

A method for Nitrogen Solubility Index was submitted by a AOCS-AACC Committee and was approved for adoption as tentative by the Seed and Meal Analysis Committee. This method was accepted by the Uniform Methods Committee and approved for adoption as a tentative method. Method number, Ba11-65.

It was reported to the Uniform Methods Committee that the selling price for bleaching clay at present was \$1.50 for four pounds by the Executive Secretary of Society. The Committee's opinion was requested on the possibility of increasing this to \$7.50 for four pounds. The Committee was in agreement that \$7.50 was much more realistic and has their approval.

The use of the AOCS name on manufactured products is specifically prohibited. A supplier may say that a product or an instrument "meets AOCS specifications," but he may not call it an AOCS Material. The Executive Secretary would like to eliminate trade names from the Methods Book. This is not possible because of the widespread use of the book. In accord with past practice the Committee was in agreement that a source will be specified wherever specific reagents or apparatus are necessary.

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H. REEVE ANGEL & Co., Clifton, N.J., has prepared "Benchkote," an absorbent paper coated on one side with polythene. It offers an extra measure of safety to the laboratory area where radioactive contamination or glass breakage can not be tolerated.

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