Report of the Color Committee for 1938-39

OUR Committee was requested to rearrange and rewrite the method or rules for determining the colors of oils and fats. This has been done, and the revised and rearranged method is attached. You will note that all reference to Color Reading is now under one head.

The method is in general the same, but it is a little more specific and has included all the specifications of the Color Reading Booth. It will be noticed that the optional use of the prismatic eyepiece has been omitted from the rules. This question was studied by the Committee for several years. It was the opinion then and is still the opinion, supported by the Bureau of Standards, that the prismatic eyepiece introduces more errors, due to the fact that no two prisms are identical and therefore do not reflect the same amount of light, nor the rays of light in the same direction.

Color Reading tubes are now

available and far superior to those the industry has here-to-fore been able to obtain. Too much emphasis can not be placed upon the colorless tube.

We recommend that the incoming Color Committee consider the advisibility of the followng:

1. Adopting one and only one instrument as a standard for all Color Reading.

2. Having the Color Reading tubes checked as to the presence of coloring in the glass and for adherence to the specifications.

3. Painting the interior of the tintometer white, instead of the present dull black.

4. Specifying standard of illumination on the Magnesia Block. This has been studied by one member of your Committee, and it is his opinion that the illumination on the Magnesia Block should be between 15 and 22 ft. This member of the candles. Committee suggests that other work be done on this question in order that his work might be checked, and supported by the results obtained by other members of the Committee.

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The necessity of improving the methods of determining the color of cottonseed meal, and the advisibility of changing the standards were also called to the attention of this Committee. It is recommended that the Society appoint a Special Committee to undertake this investigation, or that they designate this Color Committee to undertake the work. There is a question as to whether or not work of this nature be undertaken by a general color committee.

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COLOR

(a) Apparatus — Light Bulb. — 100-watt frosted Mazda Daylight Lamp.

Magnesia Block. — To be used as light reflector in the tintimeter, shall be $1'' \times 23/4''$ in size.

Tintometer. — Enclosed Wesson Type consisting of a lightproof box with dull black interior containing 100-watt blue frosted electric light bulb, the block of magnesia with white reflecting surface set at a proper angle to reflect the light vertically upward through the tube containing the sample of oil and through the standard color glasses alongside the tube of oil, and receptacles for holding the tube of oil and the color glasses. An eyepiece with dull black interior finish fits over the oil tube and color glasses so that the light passing through both may be observed simultaneously. Only the simple eyepiece without prisms is to be used.

Blue prints showing the details of the tintometer may be obtained through the Secretary of The American Oil Chemists' Society.

The use of the Stevenson type colorimeter, which conforms to the above specifications, but contains a magazine for holding the color glasses, is approved.

The colorimeter should be placed in a booth or cabinet approximately 40 inches wide and 30 inches deep, closed on three sides and the top. The ceiling should be 84 inches above the floor.

The inside of the booth should be painted a dull neutral gray, free from blue or red, equal in value or brilliance to a chromatic mixture of 75% black and 25% white. The top of the colorimeter, and table tops and other horizontal surfaces should be painted a dead black.

The booth may be illuminated by a 15 watt daylight bulb mounted in the ceiling in an indirect fixture so that no direct rays strike the colorimeter or the eye of the reader. The level of illumination in the booth, at the colorimeter, should not be less than 1 nor more than 5 foot candles.

No direct external light should enter the entrance to the booth. If necessary the entrance should be closed with a black or gray lightproof curtain or door.

Lovibond Color Glasses-Red and yellow, of suitable numbers to match the color of the oils to be examined. Red glasses must be standardized by the U. S. Bureau

of Standards or Electrical Testing Laboratories, but the actual color value does not have to be the exact numerical number shown on the glasses. The minimum standard set shall consist of the following numbers of red and yellow glasses: Red:

0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 5.0 6.0 7.0 7.6 8.0 9.0 10.0 11.0 12.0 16.0 20.0 Yellow:

1.0 2.0 3.0 5.0 10.0 20.0 15.0 35.0 Laboratories analyzing corn and soybean oils shall have 50.0 and 70.0 yellow glasses in addition to the above.

Color Tubes. — These shall have a flat smooth polished bottom of clear, colorless glass and shall be of the following dimensions:

Length, 154 mm. over all, inside diameter 19 mm. outside diameter 22 mm., and shall be provided with a mark to indicate an oil column of 133 mm.

(b.) Determination. — Fill a tube (see paragraph above) with the oil to be examined to a depth of 133 mm. Oil must be at a temperature of 20° to 24° C. and must be absolutely clear and transparent. Filter through good heavy grade, close texture, white filter paper at 20° to 24° C. if necessary to remove turbidity to permit matching the color, and in such cases note on your report that filtering was necessary. If, however, the oil or fat under examination is not completely liquid at 20° C., heat until completely liquified, and read the color at a temperature not more than 10° C. above that at which it becomes completely liquefied. Place the tube containing the oil in the tintometer and place alongside of it such yellow and red glasses (see paragraph (a)) as are necessary for making comparison desired, observing the colors of the oil and the glasses through the eyepiece.

Crude Oils of the Coconut Type.

— Melt the oil in water at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. and filter through approved filter paper at a temperature not above 35° C. until completely free from turbidity. Read the color using proper ration of yellow to red listed below:

In matching the colors, use only one yellow glass, 35 yellow for refined cottonseed oil and refined peanut oil; 70 yellow for refined soya bean oil; not more than 2 red glasses up to and including 13.0 red, and not more than 3 red glasses above 13.0 red.

The ratio of yellow to red in determining color shall be as follows, except where Rules specifies that the yellow and/ or red to be used in determining given grades.

If the above ratios fail to give a satisfactory match, this fact should be noted and a second reading made, using the amount of yellow required for a good match. Report both readings.

Report the numbers of the yellow and red glasses which match the color of the oil; or if a standard combination is specified (as prime for example) report whether the oil is prime or off as compared with the standards.

Cottonseed Oil -

Peanut Oil Coconut Oil Crude Oil

Refined Oil Palm Kernel Oil Corn Oil Soyabean Oil

Tallows, Greases, Fatty Acids, etc. 10 Yellow to 1 Red up to 3.5 Red 35 Yellow for 3.5 Red or higher. Same as above

Up to 3.9 red use 6 Yellow to 1 Red
4.0 to 4.9 red 25 Yellow
5.0 to 5.9 red 30 Yellow
6.0 to 6.9 red 35 Yellow
7.0 to 7.9 red 40 Yellow
8.0 to 10.9 red 50 Yellow
11.0 to 14.9 red 70 Yellow
12.0 to 19.9 red 100 Yellow
Same as Crude Coconut Oil
Same as for Coconut Oil
Same as for Coctonseed Oil
10 Yellow to 1 Red, where red is less than 3.5 Red
70 Yellow for Red 3.5 or more

10 Yellow to 1 Red where Red is less than 3.5 Yellow where Red is 3.5 to 5.0 Yellow where red is more than 5.0