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Determination of acrylamide using immuno-enzymatic method in commercial dog and cat food

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Towadays the pets which are grown in human auspices have no chance to choose their food and mistakes that people make about food of their cats and dogs will adversely affect the health of animals in a negative way. During the production of cat and dog food, high temperature applications at different stages are available. As s result of the starch containing structure of the cat and dog food, it is foreseen that acrylamides may be present in the food because of Maillard reaction. The aim of this study is to detect acrylamides in dry cat and dog food which are currently available in the market with a new method which is immunoenzymatic method. In this way potential health risks for cats and dogs will be detected, for the first time using this method acrylamides levels will be detected and applicability of this method is going to be tested. For this purpose, from a variety of firms in the market 42 cats and dogs food were randomly collected and passed through several stages for testing. Residual acrylamide in food was tested using immunoenzymatic method and as a result analyzed dry cat and dog food samples, 33% (14 samples) presence of acrylamide have been found, in these samples average acrylamide density is 87 ppb. According to the findings the highest acrylamide density is 155 ppb and the lowest is 45 ppb, in 67% of total samples acrylamide was not detected. The values set out in findings are way below from European Commission (EC), the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) assessment of human food indicator value. Consequently, immunoenzymatic method can be used as a standard technique on cat and dog food but it must be supported by a wider range of research. Again it can be advised that while preparing food for pets without the chance of food selection formulation changes, process parameter changes and specially extrusion and other heat related stages can be done more carefully to limit Maillard reaction which causes acrylamide in food.

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