DETERMINATION OF METHANOL CONTENT IN BIODIESEL BY GAS CHROMATOGRAPH HEADSPACE (GC-HS)

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The sample is heated at 80°C in a hermetically sealed vial to allow desorption of the contained methanol into the gas phase. When equilibrium is reached, a defined part of the gas phase is injected into a gas chromatograph (*Figure 1*), and methanol is detected with a flame ionization detector. The amount of methanol is calculated by reference to an external calibration.

Figure 1. Gas chromatograph headspace (GC-HS).

Amount of sample required: 2 ml
Cost of analysis: RM 300 per sample*

Note:* As at June 2010; subject to change.

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