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Method Extension of 804/EW/(M)/3

Determination of *d,d-trans*-Cyphenothrin in
Metofluthrin/*d,d-trans*-Cyphenothrin/Piperonyl butoxide EW

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3. Cyphenothrin

OUTLINE OF METHOD Cyphenothrin is determined by capillary gas chromatography using flame ionisation detection and triphenyl phosphate as internal standard.

REAGENTS

Acetone

Cyphenothrin enriched working standard product of certified purity and composition. Store refrigerated.

Triphenyl phosphate internal standard. Must not show a peak with the same retention time as peak A, peak B or peak C.

Internal standard solution. Dissolve triphenyl phosphate (2.0 g) in acetone (100 ml). Ensure that a sufficient quantity of this solution is prepared for all samples and calibration standards to be analysed.

Calibration solution. Homogenise the cyphenothrin enriched working standard by stirring or by warming it to melting and by stirring when it is waxy solid or partly waxy solid. Prepare calibration solutions in duplicate. Weigh (to the nearest 0.1 mg) 90 to 110 mg (*s* mg) of cyphenothrin enriched working standard into a volumetric flask (50 ml). Add by pipette internal standard solution (5.0 ml) and dissolve. Make up to volume with acetone and mix well. (Solutions C_A and C_B)

APPARATUS

Gas chromatograph equipped with a split/splitless injection and a flame ionisation detector.

Capillary column fused silica, 30 m x 0.25 mm (i.d.), film thickness: 0.25 µm, coated with crosslinked 50% phenyl 50% dimethyl polysiloxane (DB-17 or equivalent)

Electric integrator or data system

PROCEDURE

(a) *Gas chromatographic conditions* (typical):

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| <i>Column</i> | fused silica, 30 m x 0.25 mm (i.d.), film thickness: 0.25 µm, coated with crosslinked 50% phenyl 50% dimethyl polysiloxane (DB-17 or equivalent) |
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Injection system

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| Injector | split injection |
| Split flow | approximately 100 ml/min |
| Injection volume | 1 µl |

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| <i>Detector</i> | flame ionisation |
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Temperatures

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| Column oven | 260°C (use a short temperature program to remove formulations components, if necessary) |
| Injection port | 280°C |
| Detector | 280°C |
| Carrier gas | helium, 30 cm/sec |
| Retention times | triphenyl phosphate: about 8.9 min enriched cyphenothrin: peak A: about 11.1 min peak B: about 11.3 min peak C: about 11.7 min |

Note: peak A consists of the *S,1R-trans*, *R,1S-trans*, *R,1R-trans* and *S,1S-trans* isomers

peak B consists of the *R,1R-cis* and *S,1S-cis* isomers; this peak is usually not detected since the amounts of these isomers are very low.

peak C consists of the *S,1R-cis* and *R,1S-cis* isomers;

(b) *Linearity check.* Check the linearity of the detector response by injecting 1 µl of solutions with cyphenothrin enriched working standard concentrations 0.5, 1 and 2 times that of the calibration solution before conducting analysis.

(c) *System equilibration.* Prepare two calibration solutions. Inject 1 µl portions of the first one until the response factors obtained for two consecutive injections differ by less than 1.0%. Then inject a 1 µl portion of the second solution. The response factor for this solution should not deviate by more than 1.0% from that for the first calibration solution, otherwise prepare new calibration solutions.

(d) *Preparation of sample solution.* Thoroughly shake the sample container to homogenise the sample before use. Weigh (to the nearest 0.1 mg) sufficient sample to contain 90 to 110 mg (*w* mg) of the cyphenothrin enriched mixture into a volumetric flask (50 ml). Add by pipette internal standard solution (5 ml) and dissolve completely. Make up to volume with acetone and mix well (Solutions S_A and S_B).

(e) *Determination.* Inject in duplicate 1 µl portions of each sample solution bracketing them by injections of the calibration solutions as follows; calibration solution C_A, sample solution S_A, sample solution S_A, calibration solution C_B, sample solution S_B, sample solution S_B, calibration solution C_A, and so on. Measure the relevant peak areas.

(f) *Calculation.* Calculate the mean value of each pair of response factors bracketing the two injections of a sample and use this value for calculating the enriched cyphenothrin contents of the bracketed sample injections.

$$f_i = \frac{I_r \times s \times P}{H_s}$$

$$\text{Content of enriched cyphenothrin} = \frac{f \times H_w}{I_q \times w} \text{ g/kg}$$

where:

f_i = individual response factor

f = mean response factor

H_s = peak area of enriched cyphenothrin (peak A+B+C) in the calibration solution

H_w = peak area of enriched cyphenothrin (peak A+B+C) in the sample solution

I_r = peak area of the internal standard in the calibration solution

I_q = peak area of the internal standard in the sample solution

s = mass of enriched cyphenothrin working standard in the calibration solution (mg)

w = mass of sample taken (mg)

P = purity of enriched cyphenothrin working standard (g/kg)

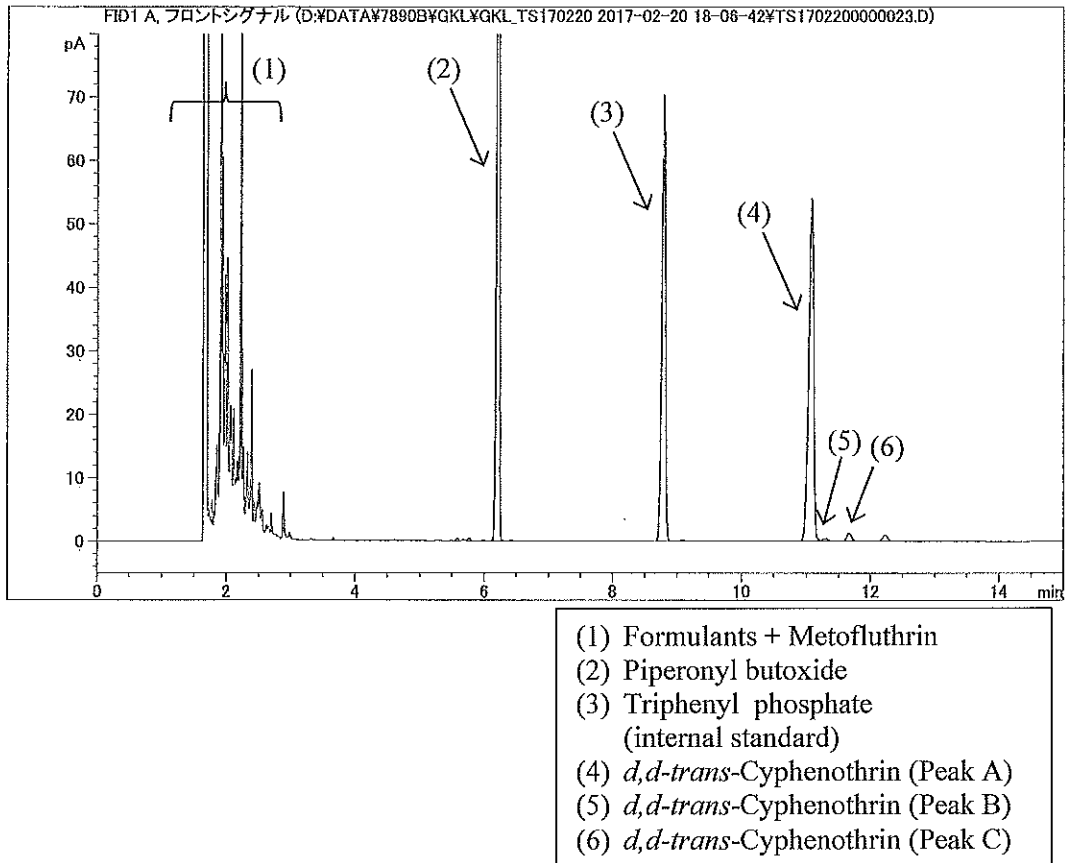


Fig. 1 Gas chromatogram of
metofluthrin/*d,d*-*trans*-cyphenothrin/piperonyl butoxide EW