Dioxin and dioxin-like PCBs are environmental pollutants and persistent organic pollutants (POPs) that originate as by-products of industrial processes such as paper bleaching, pesticide manufacturing, and waste incineration. These compounds accumulate in the food chain, mainly in the fatty tissue of animals. Humans can ingest these highly toxic compounds from eating meat, dairy, fish, and other animal products.

Regulatory agencies, particularly the European Union (EU) Commission, have imposed strict limits on dioxin levels in feed and food. As of June 2014, gas chromatography/tandem mass spectrometry (GC/MS/MS) has become an accepted confirmatory method for EU regulations 589/2014 and 709/2014.

**Reliably detect and confirm low levels of dioxins and furans – from day one**

The NEW Agilent 7010 Triple Quadrupole GC/MS Dioxins in Feed and Food Analyzer is based on the Agilent 7010 GC/MS/MS system. With up to ten times more sensitivity than competitive tandem quad analyzers, it allows you to observe below EU regulated levels of dioxins for ultimate confidence in your results.

In addition, the Analyzer software streamlines reporting by combining the results of two sample fractions: dioxins/furans and PCBs. It also automatically performs complex calculations, including individual and summed concentrations, and consolidates the data into a single report that conforms to EU regulations. This report organizes the compounds into four groups: dioxins, furans, dioxin-like PCBs, and non-dioxin-like PCBs.
Follow strict maximum-level dioxin regulations

Built around the Agilent 7010 Triple Quadropole GC/MS, the Dioxins in Feed and Food Analyzer is configured and chemically tested for this application in the Agilent factory. This ensures that your team can reduce start-up time and deliver results quickly after delivery.

Advanced features include:
- Configured with the Multi Mode Inlet (MMI)
- The same GC parameters for dioxin and dioxin-like PCB fractions for easy operation and higher productivity
- Retention time locking to PCB 105
- Heated quadrupoles for improved sensitivity
- Automatic performance of complex calculations required by EU regulations
- Leading-edge reporting that combines results from dioxin/furan and PCB fractions

Excellent repeatability and femtogram-level sensitivity

Here, ten 1 µL injections of 2,3,7,8-TCDD were performed at 5 fg/µL. The average signal-to-noise was 3.282 with an RMS multiplier of 5.

Inlet Flexibility with The Multimode Inlet (MMI)

The MMI allows for flexibility with injection techniques and volumes. The injection modes that the MMI offers includes: hot and cold split and splitless, pulsed split and splitless, solvent vent, and direct inject mode.

In dioxin analysis, some users might be accustomed to using larger injection volumes due to its recognized benefit of signal-to-noise improvement and lower system detection limits. One significant benefit of this dioxin analyzer system, and the 7010 MS/MS, is the ability to inject and introduce a small sample volume onto the column (1 µL) and maintain the ability to quantitate these trace compounds at low concentrations. Using the Solvent Vent Mode, the user has the option of larger injection volumes.
Reliable separation of hexa-PCDD/F isomers per EU regulations

The separation of PCDD/PCDFs from interfering substances and coelutions is a monitored criteria in the EU Regulations. Each congener can be confirmed and individually quantified by GC/MS/MS.

Agilent offers a factory checkout of two customized standard mixes that display the analytes found in each sample fraction (Dioxin/Furan/DL-PCB and DL/NDL-PCB) and their separations.

Simplify customized reporting

Data review and mandatory reporting requirements are time consuming and complicated.

The EU regulations state that the reporting of the results shall include maximum information, thereby enabling their interpretation. This includes factoring in blank subtraction, determining the limit of quantitation (LOQ), and calculating the lower/upper/medium-bound limits of the individual PCDD/PCDF and dioxin-like PCB congeners. Agilent has developed specific software scripts and a customized report for the analysis of dioxin and dioxin-like PCBs in feed and food, in compliance with EU regulations.

Chromatogram of the hexa-PCDD/F isomers (2 transitions for both native and C13 labeled compounds; at a mid-point calibration level) and their separations, compliant with EU regulations.

The reporting software combines the measurements of dioxins, furans, and PCBs (both dioxin-like and non-dioxin-like) into one report in compliance with EU regulations.

To find out more about this analyzer, visit agilent.com/chem/dioxins_analyzer
Greater sensitivity... not just lower noise

MS sensitivity depends on the number of ions measured. The 7010 Triple Quadrupole GC/MS system’s ultra-efficient EI source maximizes the number of ions that are created and transferred out of the source body and into the quadrupole analyzer—giving you the advantages of:

- Increased response and better precision at all levels
- Lower detection limits
- More precise ion ratios and better qualitative information

Beyond the box:

A full portfolio of customized products and services

Solutions for your specific analytical needs

Agilent Analyzers significantly reduce your time from system arrival to final validation. With pre-configured hardware and method-specific separation tools, analysts can focus on calibration and validation per your laboratory’s SOPs.

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- Trouble-free instrument operation
- Faster analysis without loss of resolution

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