



Identification and Quantification of Nanomaterials

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The identification and quantification of nanomaterials is currently a very active field of research. In view of the numerous ongoing regulatory activities addressing nanomaterials (e.g. amendments of nanospecific provisions in the REACH, Novel Food, Cosmetics and Medical Devices Regulations in Europe, rules and decisions on nanomaterials by US EPA and US FDA) manufacturers and regulators are in urgent need of scientific and technical progress to meet new regulatory requirements for nanomaterials. Identification and quantification of nanomaterials is a key requirement in this context and useful for innovators already in the material development phase to predict classification as nanomaterial (or the contrary) and to anticipate regulatory requirements for the final product. Enforcement laboratories need to be able to assess not only raw materials at the product ingredient level, but they must be able to analyse the final products on the market to identify and quantify the presence of a nanomaterial. Currently, there is an emerging issue with nanoplastics, which poses particular analytical and conceptual challenges.





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