

# Ti Application Note No. T- 63

**Title:** Citrate in mineral water drinks

**Summary:** Determination of citrate in mineral water drinks by potentiometric titration with copper sulphate using the Cu ISE. Prior to the determination the sample is degassed and passed through a cation exchange resin.

**Sample:** Mineral water drinks containing citrate or citric acid

**Sample Preparation:** Degas the sample in an ultrasonic bath for 5 min (or by applying a vacuum). Fill a glass tube with approx. 20 g strongly acidic cation exchange resin (e.g. Dowex 50 WX8) and rinse with dist. water. Then run 50 mL sample through the column into a beaker and rinse with 10 mL dist. water.

**Instruments and Accessories:** 702, 716, 736, 751 or 785 Titrino or 726 Titroprocessor, 6.0502.140 Cu ISE, 6.0726.100 Ag/AgCl reference electrode

**Analysis:** Add 50 mL methanol and 50 mL borate buffer pH = 9 to the prepared sample solution and titrate with  $c(\text{CuSO}_4) = 0.05 \text{ mol/L}$ .

**Calculation:**

$$\text{g/L citrate} = \text{EP1} * \text{C01} * \text{C02} / \text{C00}$$

EP1 = titrant consumption in mL  
C00 = 50 (sample volume in mL)  
C01 = 0.05 (concentration of the titrant in mol/L)  
C02 = 189.1 [M(citrate) in g/mol]

**Results:** AVG(3) = 1.613 ± 0.003 g/L citrate

**Remarks:** Polish the Cu ISE after each titration (e.g. with the 6.2802.000 polishing set).