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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/107/EEC of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning food additives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption (1), as last amended by Directive 94/34/EC (2), and in particular Article 3 (3) (a) thereof,

After consulting the Scientific Committee for Food,

Whereas it is necessary to establish purity criteria for all colours mentioned in European Parliament and Council Directive 94/36/EC of 30 June 1994 on colours for use in foodstuffs (3);

Whereas it is necessary to revise the purity criteria for colours mentioned in the Council Directive of 23 October 1962 on the approximation of the rules of the Member States concerning the colouring matters authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption (4), as last amended by Directive 85/7/EEC (5);

Whereas it is necessary to take into account the specifications and analytical techniques for colours as set out in the Codex Alimentarius and the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA);

Whereas food additives, prepared by production methods or starting materials significantly different from those included in the evaluation of the Scientific Committee for Food, or different from those mentioned in this Directive, shall be submitted for evaluation by the Scientific Committee for Food for the purposes of a full evaluation with emphasis on the purity criteria;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The purity criteria referred to in Article 3 (3) (a) of Directive 89/ 107/EEC for colours mentioned in Directive 94/36/EC are set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 8 and Annex III to the Directive of 23 October 1962 are hereby deleted.

Article 2

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive not later than 1 July 1996. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

⁽¹) OJ No L 40, 11. 2. 1989, p. 27. (²) OJ No L 237, 10. 9. 1994, p. 1. (³) OJ No L 237, 10. 9. 1994, p. 13. (⁴) OJ No 115, 11. 11. 1962, p. 2645/62.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 2, 3. 1. 1985, p. 22.

When Member States adopt these provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference at the time of their official publication. The procedure for such reference shall be adopted by Member States.

2. Products put on the market or labelled before 1 July 1996 which do not comply with this Directive may, however, be marketed until stocks are exhausted.

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

ANNEX

A. General specifications for aluminium lakes of colours

Definition: Aluminium lakes are prepared by reacting colours

complying with the purity criteria set out in the appropriate specification monograph with alumina under aqueous conditions. The alumina is usually freshly prepared undried material made by reacting aluminium sulfate or chloride with sodium or calcium carbonate or bicarbonate or ammonia. Following lake formation, the product is filtered, washed with water and dried.

Unreacted alumina may also be present in the finished product.

HCI insoluble matter

Not more than 0,5 %

Ether extractable matter Not more than 0,2 % (under neutral conditions)

Specific purity criteria for the corresponding colours are

applicable.

B. SPECIFIC CRITERIA OF PURITY

E 100 CURCUMIN

Synonyms CI Natural Yellow 3, Turmeric Yellow, Diferoyl Methane

DefinitionCurcumin is obtained by solvent extraction of turmeric

i.e. the ground rhizomes of natural strains of *Curcuma longa* L. In order to obtain a concentrated curcumin powder, the extract is purified by crystallization. The product consists essentially of curcumins; i.e. the colouring

(1,7-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)hepta-1,6-dien-3,5-dione) and its two desmethoxy derivatives in varying proportions. Minor amounts of oils and resins naturally occuring in turmeric may be present.

Only the following solvents may be used in the extraction: ethylacetate, acetone, carbon dioxide, dichloromethane, n-butanol, methanol, ethanol, hexane.

Dicinnamoylmethane

75300

207-280-5

I 1,7-Bis(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)hepta-1,6-

diene-3,5-dione

II 1-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-7-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-

phenyl-)hepta-1,6-diene-3,5-dione

III 1,7-Bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)hepta-1,6-diene-3,5-dione

 $I \ C_{21}H_{20}O_6$

II C20H18O5

 $III \ C_{19}H_{16}O_4$

Molecular weight I. 368,39 II. 338,39 III. 308,39

Content not less than 90 % total colouring matters

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 1 607 at ca 426 nm in ethanol

Description Orange-yellow crystalline powder

Identification

Assay

Class

Einecs

Colour Index No

Chemical names

Chemical formula

A. Spectrometry Maximum in ethanol at ca 426 nm

B. Melting Range 179 °C—182 °C

Purity

Solvent residues Ethylacetate

Acetone n-butanol Not more than 50 mg/kg, singly or in combination Methanol

Ethanol Hexane

Dichloromethane: not more than 10 mg/kg

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 101 (i) RIBOFLAVIN

Synonyms Lactoflavin Isoalloxazine Class Einecs 201-507-1

Chemical names 7,8-Dimethyl-10-(D-ribo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydroxy-

pentyl)benzo(g)pteridine-2,4(3H,10H)-dione 7,8-dimethyl-10-(1'-D-ribityl)isoalloxazine

Chemical formula $C_{17}H_{20}N_4O_6$ 376,37 Molecular weight

Assay Content not less than 98 % on the anhydrous basis

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 328 at ca 444 nm in aqueous solution

Description Yellow to orange-yellow crystalline powder, with slight

odour

Identification

B. Specific rotation

The ratio A_{375}/A_{267} is between 0,31 and 0,33 A. Spectrometry

in aqueous solution

The ratio A_{444}/A_{267} is between 0,36 and 0,39

Maximum in water at ca 375 nm

[a] $_{D~cm}^{20~\%}$ between -115° and -140 ° in a 0,05 N

sodium hydroxide solution

Purity

Not more than 1,5 % after drying at 105 °C for 4 hrs Loss on drying

Not more than 0,1 % Sulfated ash

Primary aromatic amines Not more than 100 mg/kg (calculated as aniline)

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Mercury Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 40 mg/kg Heavy metals (as Pb)

E 101 (ii) RIBOFLAVIN-5'-PHOSPHATE

Synonyms Riboflavin-5'-phosphate sodium

Definition These specifications apply to riboflavin 5'-phosphate

together with minor amounts of free riboflavin and ribo-

flavin diphosphate

Class Isoalloxazine Einecs 204-988-6 Chemical names Monosodium

> (2R,3R,4S)-5-(3')10'-dihydro-7',8'-dimethyl-2',4'-dioxo-10'-benzo[γ]pteridinyl)-2,3,4-trihydroxypentyl

phate;

monosodium salt of 5'-monophosphate ester of ribo-

in aqueous solution

Chemical formula For the dihydrate form: C₁₇H₂₀N₄NaO₉P.2H₂O

> For the anhydrous form: $C_{17}H_{20}N_4NaO_{\circ}P$

Molecular weight

Assay Content not less than 95 % total colouring matters calcu-

lated as C₁₇H₂₀N₄NaO₉P.2H₂O

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}}$ 250 at ca 375 nm in aqueous solution

Yellow to orange crystalline hygroscopic powder, with Description

slight odour and a bitter taste

Identification

The ratio A_{375}/A_{267} is between 0,30 and 0,34 A. Spectrometry

The ratio A_{444}/A_{267} is between 0,35 and 0,40

Maximum in water at ca 375 nm

[α] $^{20}_{D\ cm}$ between + 38° and +42° in a 5 molar B. Specific rotation

HCI solution

Purity

Not more than 8 % (100 °C, 5 hrs in vacuum over P₂O₅) Loss on drying

for the dihydrate form

Sulfated ash Not more than 25 %

Not more than 1,0 % (calculated as PO_4 on the anhy-Inorganic phosphate

drous basis)

Subsidiary colouring matters Riboflavin (free): Not more than 6 %

> Not more than 6 % Riboflavine diphosphate:

Primary aromatic amines Not more than 70 mg/kg (calculated as aniline)

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 102 TARTRAZINE

CI Food Yellow 4 **Synonyms**

Definition Tartrazine consists essentially of trisodium 5-hydroxy-1-

phenyl)-4-(4-sulfonatophenylazo)-H-pyrazole-3-

carboxylate and subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the prin-

cipal uncoloured components.

Tartrazine is described as the sodium salt. The calcium

and the potassium salt are also permitted.

Class Monoazo

19140 Colour Index No 217-699-5 Einecs

Chemical names Trisodium-5-hydroxy-1-(4-sulfonato-

phenyl)-4-(4-sulfonatophenylazo)-H-pyrazole-3-

carboxylate

Chemical formula C₁₆H₉N₄Na₃O₉S₂

Molecular weight

Assay Content not less than 85 % total colouring matters calcu-

lated as the sodium salt

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 530 at ca 426 nm in aqueous solution

Description

Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Yellow solution in water

Purity

Water insoluble matter

Subsidiary colouring matters

Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

4-hydrazinobenzene sulfonic acid

4-aminobenzene-1-sulfonic acid

5-oxo-1-(4-sulfo-

phenyl)-2-pyrazoline-3-carboxylic acid

4,4'-diazoaminodi(benzene sulfonic acid)

Tetrahydroxysuccinic acid

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic Lead Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Light orange powder or granules

Maximum in water at ca 426 nm

Not more than 0,2 % Not more than 1,0 %

Total not more than 0,5 %

Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline)

Not more than 0,2 % under neutral conditions

Not more than 3 mg/kg
Not more than 10 mg/kg
Not more than 1 mg/kg
Not more than 1 mg/kg
Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 104 QUINOLINE YELLOW

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

CI Food Yellow 13

Quinoline Yellow is prepared by sulfonating 2-(2-quinolyl) indan-1,3-dione. Quinoline Yellow consists essentially of sodium salts of a mixture of disulfonates (principally), monosulfonates and trisulfonates of the above compound and subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the principal uncoloured components.

Quinoline Yellow is described as the sodium salt. The calcium and the potassium salt are also permitted.

Chinophthalone

47005

305-897-5

The disodium salts of the disulfonates of 2-(2-quinolyl) indan-1,3-dione (principal component)

C₁₈H₉N Na₂O₈S₂ (principal component)

477,38 (principal component)

Content not less than 70 % total colouring matters calculated as the sodium salt

Quinoline Yellow shall have the following composition:

Of the total colouring matters present:

- not less than 80 % shall be disodium 2-(2-quinolyl) indan-1,3-dione-disulfonates
- not more than 15 % shall be sodium 2-(2-quinolyl) indan-1.3-dione-monosulfonates
- not more than 7,0 % shall be trisodium 2-(2-quinolyl) indan-1,3-dione-trisulfonate

E $_{1\text{ cm}}^{1\text{ \%}}$ 865 (principal component) at ca 411 nm in aqueous acetic acid solution

Description

Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Yellow solution in water

Yellow powder or granules

Maximum in aqueous acetic acid solution of pH 5 at ca

411 nm

Purity

Water insoluble matter Subsidiary colouring matters Organic compounds other than

colouring matters:

2-methylquinoline

2-methylquinoline-sulfonic acid

Phthalic acid

2,6-dimethyl quinoline

2,6-dimethyl quinoline sulfonic acid

2-(2-quinolyl)indan-1,3-dione

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic Lead Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Not more than 0,2 % Not more than 4,0 %

Total not more than 0,5 %

Not more than 4 mg/kg

Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline) Not more than 0,2 % under neutral conditions

Not more than 3 mg/kg

Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 110 SUNSET YELLOW FCF

Synonyms

CI Food Yellow 3, Orange Yellow S

Definition

Sunset Yellow FCF consists essentially of disodium 2uncoloured components.

Sunset Yellow FCF is described as the sodium salt. The

Class

Einecs

Colour Index No

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

hydroxy-1-(4-sulfonatophenylazo) naphthalene-6-sulfonate and subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the principal

calcium and the potassium salt are also permitted.

15985 220-491-7

Disodium 2-hydroxy-1-(4-sulfonatophenylazo) naphtha-

lene-6-sulfonate

C₁₆H₁₀N₂Na₂O₇S₂

452,37

Content not less than 85 % total colouring matters calcu-

lated as the sodium salt

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 555 at ca 485 nm in aqueous solution at

pH 7

Description

Orange-red powder or granules

Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Orange solution in water

Maximum in water at ca 485 nm at pH 7

Purity

Water insoluble matter Subsidiary colouring matters

Not more than 0,2 % Not more than 5 %

Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

4-aminobenzene-1-sulfonic acid

3-hydroxynaphthalene-2,7-disulfonic acid

6-hydroxynaphthalene-2-sulfonic acid

7-hydroxynaphthalene-1,3-disulfonic acid

4,4'-diazoaminodi(benzene sulfonic acid)

6,6'-oxydi(naphthalene-2-sulfonic acid)

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic Lead Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Total not more than 0,5 %

Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline)

Not more than 0,2 % under neutral conditions

Not more than 3 mg/kg Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 120 COCHINEAL, CARMINIC ACID, CARMINES

Definition

Carmines and carminic acid are obtained from aqueous, aqueous alcoholic or alcoholic extracts from Cochineal, with consists of the dried bodies of the female insect *Dactylopius coccus* Costa.

The colouring principle is carminic acid.

Aluminium lakes of carminic acid (carmines) can be formed in which aluminium and carminic acid are thought to be present in the molar ratio 1:2.

In commercial products the colouring principle is present in association with ammonium, calcium, potassium or sodium cations, singly or in combination, and these cations may also be present in excess.

Commercial products may also contain proteinaceous material derived from the source insect, and may also contain free carminate or a small residue of unbound aluminium cations.

Anthraquinone

Colour Index No 75470

Einecs Cochineal: 215-680-6; carminic acid: 215-023-3;

carmines: 215-724-4

Chemical names 7-β-D-glucopyranosyl-3,5,6,8-tetrahydroxy-1-methyl-9,10-dioxoanthracene-2-carboxylic acid (carminic acid); carmine is the hydrated aluminium chelate of this acid

Chemical formula $C_{22}H_{20}O_{13}$ (carminic acid) Molecular weight 492,39 (carminic acid)

Assay

Content not less than 2,0 % carminic acid in the extracts containing carminic acid; not less than 50 % carminic acid in the chelates.

Description

Class

Red to dark red, friable, solid or powder. Cochineal extract is generally a dark red liquid but can also be dried as a powder.

Identification

Spectrometry

Maximum in aqueous ammonia solution at ca 518 nm

Maximum in dilute hydrochloric solution at ca 494 nm for carminic acid

Purity

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Cadmium Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 122 AZORUBINE, CARMOISINE

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Einecs

Colour Index No

Chemical name

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

Description

Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Red solution in water

Purity

Water insoluble matter Subsidiary colouring matters Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

4-aminonaphthalene-1-sulfonic acid 4-hydroxynaphthalene-1-sulfonic

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic Lead Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

CI Food Red 3

Azorubine consists essentially of disodium 4-hydroxy-3-(4-sulfonato-1-naphthylazo) naphthalene-1-sulfonate and subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the principal uncoloured components.

Azorubine is described as the sodium salt. The calcium and the potassium salt are also permitted.

Monoazo 14720

222-657-4

Disodium 4-hydroxy-3-(4-sulfonato-1-naphthylazo)

naphthalene-1-sulfonate

C₂₀H₁₂N₂Na₂O₇S₂

Content not less than 85 % total colouring matters,

calculated as the sodium salt

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 510 at ca 516 nm in aqueous solution

Red to maroon powder or granules

Maximum in water at ca 516 nm

Not more than 0,2 % Not more than 2,0 %

Total not more than 0,5 %

Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline) Not more than 0,2 % under neutral conditions

Not more than 3 mg/kg Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 123 AMARANTH

Synonyms Definition

CI Food Red 9

Amaranth consists essentially of trisodium 2-hydroxy-1-(4-sulfonato-1-naphthylazo) naphthalene-3,6-disulfonate and subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium

chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the principal uncoloured components.

Amaranth is described as the sodium salt. The calcium and the potassium salt are also permitted.

Monoazo Class Colour Index No 16185 Einecs 213-022-2

Chemical name Trisodium 2-hydroxy-1-(4-sulfonato-1-naphthylazo) naphthalene-3,6-disulfonate

Chemical formula $C_{20}H_{11}N_2Na_3O_{10}S_3$

Molecular weight 604,48

Content not less than 85 % total colouring matters, Assay

calculated as the sodium salt

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 440 at ca 520 nm in aqueous solution

Description Reddish-brown powder or granules

Identification

A. Spectrometry Maximum in water at ca 520 nm

B. Red solution in water

Purity

Water insoluble matter Subsidiary colouring matters Not more than 3,0 %

Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

4-aminonaphthalene-1-sulfonic acid 3-hydroxynaphthalene-2,7-disulfonic

6-hydroxynaphthalene-2-sulfonic

7-hydroxynaphthalene-1,3-disulfonic acid

7-hydroxynaphthalene-1,3-6trisulfonic acid

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic Lead Mercury Cadmium

Class

Colour Index No

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Not more than 0,2 %

Total not more than 0,5 %

Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline)

Not more than 0,2 % under neutral conditions

Not more than 3 mg/kg Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 124 PONCEAU 4R, COCHINEAL RED A

CI Food Red 7, New Coccine **Synonyms**

Definition Ponceau 4R consists essentially of trisodium 2-hydroxy-

1-(4-sulfonato-1-naphthylazo) naphthalene-6,8-disulfonate and subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the principal uncoloured components.

Ponceau 4R is described as the sodium salt. The calcium and the potassium salt are also permitted.

Monoazo 16255

Einecs 220-036-2

Chemical name 2-hydroxy-1-(4-sulfonato-1-naphthylazo)

naphthalene-6,8-disulfonate

Chemical formula C20H11N2Na3O10S3

Molecular weight 604,48

Content not less than 80 % total colouring matters, Assay

calculated as the sodium salt.

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 430 at ca 505 nm in aqueous solution

Description

Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Red solution in water

Water insoluble matter Subsidiary colouring matters Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

4-aminonaphthalene-1-sulfonic acid 7-hydroxynaphthalene-1,3-disulfonic

3-hydroxynaphthalene-2,7-disulfonic

6-hydroxynaphthalene-2-sulfonic

7-hydroxynaphthalene-1,3-6trisulfonic acid

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic Lead Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Reddish powder or granules

Maximum in water at ca 505 nm

Not more than 0.2 % Not more than 1,0 %

Total not more than 0,5 %

Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline) Not more than 0,2 % under neutral conditions

Not more than 3 mg/kg Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 127 ERYTHROSINE

Synonyms

Definition

Class Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical name

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

CI Food Red 14

Erythrosine consists essentially of disodium 2-(2,4,5,7tetraiodo-3-oxido-6-oxoxanthen-9-yl) benzoate monohydrate and subsidiary colouring matters together with water, sodium chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the principal uncoloured components.

Erythrosine is described as the sodium salt. The calcium and the potassium salt are also permitted.

Xanthen 45430 240-474-8

Disodium 2-(2,4,5,7-tetraiodo-3-oxido-6-oxoxanthen-9-yl)benzoate monohydrate

C20H6I4Na2O5.H2O

897,88

Content not less than 87 % total colouring matters, calculated as the anhydrous sodium salt

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 1 100 at ca 526 nm in aqueous solution

Maximum in water at ca 526 nm at pH 7

at pH 7

Red powder or granules.

Description Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Red solution in water

Purity

Inorganic iodides calculated as sodium iodide

Water insoluble matter

Subsidiary colouring matters (except

fluorescein)

Not more than 0,1 %

Not more than 0,2 % Not more than 4,0 %

Fluorescein

Organic compounds other than

colouring matters:

Tri-iodoresorcinol

2-(2,4-dihydroxy-3,5-diodobenzoyl)

benzoic acid

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic Lead Mercury Cadmium Heavy metals (as Pb)

Aluminium Lakes

Not more than 20 mg/kg

Not more than 0,2 % Not more than 0,2 %

From a solution of pH from 7 through 8, not more than

0,2 %

Not more than 3 mg/kg Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 40 mg/kg

The hydrochloric acid insoluble matter method is not applicable. It is replaced by a sodium hydroxide insoluble matter, at not more than 0,5 %, for this colour

only

E 128 RED 2G

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Colour Index No Einecs

Chemical name

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

509,43

calculated as the sodium salt

E $_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}}$ 620 at ca 532 nm in aqueous solution

Description

Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Red solution in water

Purity

Water insoluble matter Subsidiary colouring matters Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

5-acetamido-4-hydroxynaphthalene-2,7-disulfonic acid

5-amino-4-hydroxynaphthalene-2,7disulfonic acid

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic Lead Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

CI Food Red 10, Azogeranine

Red 2G consists essentially of disodium 8-acetamido-1hydroxy-2-phenylazonaphthalene-3,6-disulfonate subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the principal uncoloured components.

Red 2G is described as the sodium salt. The calcium and the potassium salt are also permitted.

Monoazo

18050 223-098-9

Disodium 8-acetamido-1-hydroxy-2-phenylazo-naphthalene-3,6-disulfonate

C₁₈H₁₃N₃Na₂O₈S₂

Content not less than 80 % total colouring matters,

Red powder or granules

Maximum in water at ca 532 nm

Not more than 0,2 % Not more than 2,0 %

Total not more than 0,5 %

Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline) Not more than 0,2 % under neutral conditions

Not more than 3 mg/kg Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 129 ALLURA RED AC

CI Food Red 17 **Synonyms**

Definition Allura Red AC consists essentially of disodium 2hydroxy-1-(2-methoxy-5-methyl-4-sulfonato-phenylazo) naphthalene-6-sulfonate and subsidiary colouring

> matters together with sodium chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the principal uncoloured components.

Allura Red AC is described as the sodium salt. The

calcium and the potassium salt are also permitted. Class Monoazo

Colour Index No 16035 247-368-0 Einecs

Chemical name Disodium 2-hydroxy-1-(2-methoxy-5-methyl-4-sulfona-

tophenylazo) naphthalene-6-sulfonate

Chemical formula $C_{18}H_{14}N_2Na_2O_8S_2$

Molecular weight 496,42

Assay Content not less than 85 % total colouring matters,

calculated as the sodium salt

Not more than 0.2 %

Not more than 1,0 %

Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline)

From a solution of pH 7, not more than 0,2 %

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 540 at ca 504 nm in aqueous solution at

pH 7

Description Dark red powder or granules

Identification

Maximum in water at ca 504 nm A. Spectrometry

B. Red solution in water

Purity

Water insoluble matter Not more than 0,2 % Not more than 3,0 % Subsidiary colouring matters

Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

6-hydroxy-2-naphthalene sulfonic Not more than 0,3 % acid, sodium salt

4-amino-5-methoxy-2-methylbenezene sulfonic acid

6,6-oxybis (2-naphthalene sulfonic acid) disodium salt

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Not more than 3 mg/kg Arsenic Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 131 PATENT BLUE V

Definition

CI Food Blue 5 **Synonyms**

Patent Blue V consists essentially of the calcium or compound of [4-(α-(4-diethylaminophenyl)-5-hydroxy-2,4-disulfophenyl-methylidene)2,5cyclohexadien-1-ylidene] diethylammonium hydroxide

inner salt and subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium chloride and/or sodium sulfate and/or calcium sulfate as the principal uncoloured components.

The potassium salt is also permitted.

Class

Triarylmethane

 Colour Index No
 42051

 Einecs
 222-573-8

Chemical names

The calcium or sodium compound of [4-(α-(4-diethylaminophenyl)-5-hydroxy-2,4-disulfophenyl-methylidene)
2,5-cyclohexadien-1-ylidene] diethyl-ammonium

hydroxide inner salt

Chemical formula Calcium compound: $(C_{27}H_{31}N_2O_7S_2)1/2$ Ca

Sodium compound: $C_{27}H_{31}N_2O_7S_2Na$ Molecular weight Calcium compound: 579,72

Assay Content not less than 85 % total colouring matters,

calculated as the sodium salt

Sodium compound: 582,67

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 2 000 at ca 638 nm in aqueous solution

at pH 5

Description Dark-blue powder or granules

Identification

A. Spectrometry Maximum in water at 638 nm at pH 5

B. Blue solution in water

Purity

Water insoluble matter

Not more than 0,2 %

Subsidiary colouring matters

Organic compounds other than

colouring matters:

3-hydroxy benzaldehyde

3-hydroxy benzoic acid

3-hydroxy-4-sulfobenzoic acid N,N-diethylamino benzene sulfonic

acid

Leuco base

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic Lead Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Total not more than 0,5 %

Not more than 4,0 %

Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline)

From a solution of pH 5 not more than 0,2 %

Not more than 3 mg/kg Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 132 INDIGOTINE, INDIGO CARMINE

Synonyms CI Food Blue 1

Definition

Indigotine consists essentially of a mixture of disodium 3,3'dioxo-2,2'-bi-indolylidene-5,5'-disulfonate, and disodium 3,3'-dioxo-2,2'-bi-indolylidene-5,7'-disulfonate and subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium

chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the principal uncoloured components.

Indigotine is described as the sodium salt. The calcium and the potassium salt are also permitted.

Class Indigoid
Colour Index No 73015
Einecs 212-728-8

Chemical names Disodium 3,3'-dioxo-2,2'-bi-indolylidene-5,5'-disulfo-

nate

Chemical formula $C_{16}H_8N_2Na_2O_8S_2$

Molecular weight 466,

Assay Content not less than 85 % total colouring matters,

calculated as the sodium salt;

disodium 3,3'-dioxo-2,2'-bi-indolylidene-5,7'-disulfonate: not more than 18 %

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 480 at ca 610 nm in aqueous solution

Dark-blue powder or granules

Maximum in water at ca 610 nm

Identification

Description

A. Spectrometry

B. Blue solution in water

Water insoluble matter Subsidiary colouring matters

Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

Isatin-5-sulfonic acid 5-sulfoanthranilic acid Anthranilic acid

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic Lead Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Not more than 0,2 %

Excluding disodium 3,3'-dioxo-2,2'-bi-indolylidene-5,7'-

disulfonate: not more than 1,0 %

Total not more than 0,5 %

Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline) Not more than 0,2 % under neutral conditions

Not more than 3 mg/kg Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 133 BRILLIANT BLUE FCF

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Colour Index No Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Assay

Molecular weight

Description

Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Blue solution in water

Purity

Water insoluble matter Subsidiary colouring matters Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

CI Food Blue 2

Brilliant Blue FCF consists essentially of disodium α -(4-(N-ethyl-3-sulfonatobenzylamino)

phenyl)-α-(4-N-ethyl-3-sulfonatobenzylamino) cyclohexa-2,5-dienylidene) toluene-2-sulfonate and its isomers and subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the principal

uncoloured components.

Brilliant Blue FCF is described as the sodium salt. The calcium and the potassium salt are also permitted.

Triarylmethane

42090 223-339-8

Disodium α -(4-(N-ethyl-3-sulfonatobenzylamino) phenyl)-α-(4-N-ethyl-3-sulfonatobenzylamino)

hexa-2,5-dienylidene) toluene-2-sulfonate

 $C_{37}H_{34}N_2Na_2O_9S_3$

792,84

Content not less than 85 % total colouring matters,

calculated as the sodium salt

E $^{1}_{1 \text{ cm}}$ 1 630 at ca 630 nm in aqueous solution

Reddish-blue powder or granules

Maximum in water at ca 630 nm

Not more than 0.2 % Not more than 6,0 %

Sum of 2-, 3- and 4-formyl benzene

sulfonic acids

3-((ethyl)(4-sulfophenyl) amino) methyl benzene sulfonic acid

Leuco base

Unsulfonated primary aromatic

amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic Lead Mercury Cadmium Not more than 1,5 %

Not more than 0,3 %

Not more than 5,0 %

Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline)

Not more than 0,2 % at pH 7

Not more than 3 mg/kg
Not more than 10 mg/kg
Not more than 1 mg/kg
Not more than 1 mg/kg
Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 140 (i) CHLOROPHYLLS

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Synonyms

CI Natural Green 3, Magnesium Chlorophyll, Magnesium Phaeophytin

Definition

Chlorophylls are obtained by solvent extraction of natural strains of edible plant material, grass, lucerne and nettle. During the subsequent removal of solvent, the naturally present co-ordinated magnesium may be wholly or partly removed from the chlorophylls to give the corresponding phaeophytins. The principal colouring matters are the phaeophytins and magnesium chlorophylls. The extracted product, from which the solvent has been removed, contains other pigments such as carotenoids as well as oils, fats and waxes derived from the source material. Only the following solvents may be used for the extraction: acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, dichloromethane, carbon dioxide, methanol, ethanol, propan-2-ol and hexane.

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Porphyrin

75810

Chlorophylls: 215-800-7, chlorophyll a: 207-536-6, Chlorophyll b: 208-272-4

The major colouring principles are:

Phytyl (13²*R*,17*S*,18*S*)-3-(8-ethyl-13²-methoxycarbonyl-2,7,12,18-tetramethyl-13'-oxo-3-vinyl-13¹-13²-17,18-tetrahydrocyclopenta [at]-porphyrin-17-yl)propionate, (Pheophytin a), or as the magnesium complex (Chlorophyll a)

Phytyl (13²*R*,17*S*,18*S*)-3-(8-ethyl-7-formyl-13²-methoxycarbonyl-2,12,18-trimethyl-13'-oxo-3-vinyl-13¹-13²-17,18-tetrahydrocyclopenta[at]-porphyrin-17-yl) propionate, (Pheophytin b), or as the magnesium complex (Chlorophyll b)

Chemical formula

Chlorophyll a (magnesium complex): $C_{55}H_{72}MgN_4O_5$

Chlorophyll a: C55H74N4O5

Chlorophyll b (magnesium complex): C₅₅H₇₀MgN₄O₆

Chlorophyll b: C₅₅H₇₂N₄O₆

Molecular weight

Chlorophyll a (magnesium complex): 893,51

Chlorophyll a: 871,22

Chlorophyll b (magnesium complex): 907,49

Chlorophyll b: 885,20

Assay

Content of total combined Chlorophylls and their magnesium complexes is not less than 10 %

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 700 at ca 409 nm in chloroform

Description

Waxy solid ranging in colour from olive green to dark green depending on the content of co-ordinated magne-

Identification

Spectrometry Maximum in chloroform at ca 409 nm

Purity

Solvent residues Acetone

Methyl Ethyl ketone

Methanol Ethanol Not more than 50 mg/kg, singly or in combination

Propan-2-ol Hexane

Dichloromethane: Not more than 10 mg/kg

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg
Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg
Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg
Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg
Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 140 (ii) CHLOROPHYLLINS

Synonyms

CI Natural Green 5, Sodium Chlorophyllin, Potassium Chlorophyllin

Definition

The alkali salts of chlorophyllins are obtained by the saponification of a solvent extract of natural strains of edible plant material, grass, lucerne and nettle. The saponification removes the methyl and phytol ester groups and may partially cleave the cyclopentenyl ring. The acid groups are neutralized to form the salts of potassium and/or sodium.

Only the following solvents may be used for the extraction: acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, dichloromethane, carbon dioxide, methanol, ethanol, propan-2-ol and hexane.

Class

Porphyrin 75815

Colour Index No Einecs

287-483-3

Chemical names

The major colouring principles in their acid forms are:

 3-(10-carboxylato-4-ethyl-1,3,5,8-tetramethyl-9-oxo-2-vinylphorbin-7-yl)propionate (chlorophyllin a)

and

3-(10-carboxylato-4-ethyl-3-formyl-1,5,8-trimethyl-9-oxo-2-vinylphorbin-7-yl)propionate (chlorophyllin b)

Depending on the degree of hydrolysis the cyclopentenyl ring may be cleaved with the resultant production of a third carboxyl function.

Magnesium complexes may also be present.

Chlorophyllin a (acid form): $C_{34}H_{34}N_4O_5$ Chlorophyllin b (acid form): $C_{34}H_{32}N_4O_6$

Molecular weight

Chemical formula

Chlorophyllin a: 578,68 Chlorophyllin b: 592,66

Each may be increased by 18 daltons if the cyclopentenyl ring is cleaved.

Assay

Content of total chlorophyllins is not less than 95 % of

the sample dried at ca 100 °C for 1 hour. E $_{1~cm}^{1~\%}$ 700 at ca 405 nm in aqueous solution at

pH 9 $E_{1\ cm}^{1\ \%} \quad 140\ at\ ca\ 653\ nm\ in\ aqueous\ solution\ at\ pH\ 9$

Description Dark green to blue/black powder

Identification

Spectrometry Maximum in aqueous phosphate buffer at pH 9 at ca

405 nm and at ca 653 nm

Purity

Solvent residues Acetone

Methyl ethyl ketone

Methanol Not more than 50 mg/kg, singly or in combination

Propan-2-ol Hexane

Dichloromethane: not more than 10 mg/kg

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg
Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg
Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg
Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg
Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 141 (i) COPPER COMPLEXES OF CHLOROPHYLLS

Synonyms CI Natural Green 3, Copper Chlorophyll, Copper Phaeophytin

Definition Copper chlorophylls are obtained by addition of a salt of

copper to the substance obtained by solvent extraction of natural strains of edible plant material, grass, lucerne, and nettle. The product, from which the solvent has been removed, contains other pigments such as carotenoids as well as fats and waxes derived from the source material. The principal colouring matters are the copper phaeophytins. Only the following solvents may be used for the extraction: acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, dichloromethane, carbon dioxide, methanol, ethanol,

propan-2-ol and hexane.

Class Porphyrin

Colour Index No 75815

Einecs Copper chlorophyll a: 239-830-5; copper chlorophyll b:

246-020-5

Chemical names [Phytyl (13²R,17S,18S)-3-(8-ethyl-13²-methoxycarbonyl-

2,7,12,18-tetramethyl-13'-oxo-3-vinyl-13¹-13²-17,18-tetrahydrocyclopenta[at]-porphyrin-17-yl)propionate]

copper (II) (Copper Chlorophyll a)

[Phytyl (13²R,17S,18S)-3-(8-ethyl-7-formyl-13²-methoxycarbonyl-2,12,18-trimethyl-13′-oxo-3-vinyl-13¹-13²-17,18-tetrahydrocyclopenta[at]-porphyrin-17-yl)propionate] copper (II) (Copper chlorophyll b)

Chemical formula Copper chlorophyll a: C₅₅H₇₂Cu N₄O₅

Copper chlorophyll b: C₅₅H₇₀Cu N₄O₆

Molecular weight Copper chlorophyll a: 932,75

Copper chlorophyll b: 946,73

Assay Content of total copper chlorophylls is not less than

10 %.

E $_{1}^{1}$ cm $_{0}^{6}$ 540 at ca 422 nm in chloroform E $_{1}^{1}$ cm $_{0}^{6}$ 300 at ca 652 nm in chloroform

Description Waxy solid ranging in colour from blue green to dark

green depending on the source material

Identification

Maximum in chloroform at ca 422 nm and at ca 652 nm Spectrometry

Purity

Solvent residues Acetone

> Methyl ethyl ketone

Methanol Ethanol

Not more than 50 mg/kg, singly or in combination

Propan-2-ol Hexane

Dichloromethane: not more than 10 mg/kg

Not more than 3 mg/kg Arsenic Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg Copper ions Not more than 200 mg/kg

Total copper Not more than 8,0 % of the total copper phaeophytins

E 141 (ii) COPPER COMPLEXES OF CHLOROPHYLLINS

Sodium Copper Chlorophyllin, Potassium Copper Chlor-**Synonyms** ophyllin, CI Natural Green 5

Definition The alkali salts of copper chlorophyllins are obtained by the addition of copper to the product obtained by the

saponification of a solvent extraction of natural strains of edible plant material, grass, lucerne, and nettle; the saponification removes the methyl and phytol ester groups and may partially cleave the cyclopentenyl ring. After addition of copper to the purified chlorophyllins, the acid groups are neutralized to form the salts of potassium and/or sodium.

Only the following solvents may be used for the extraction: acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, dichloromethane, carbon dioxide methanol, ethanol, propan-2-ol and hexane.

Class Porphyrin Colour Index No 75815

Einecs

Chemical names

The major colouring principles in their acid forms are 3-(10-Carboxylato-4-ethyl-1.3.5.8-tetramethyl-9-oxo-2vinylphorbin-7-yl)propionate, copper complex (Copper

chlorophyllin a)

3-(10-Carboxylato-4-ethyl-3-formyl-1,5,8-trimethyl-9-oxo-2-vinylphorbin-7-yl) propionate, copper complex

(Copper chlorophyllin b)

Chemical formula Copper chlorophyllin a (acid form): C34H32Cu N4O5

Copper chlorophyllin b (acid form): C₃₄H₃₀Cu N₄O₆

Molecular weight Copper chlorophyllin a: 640,20

Copper chlorophyllin b: 654,18

Each may be increased by 18 daltons if the cyclopen-

tenyl ring is cleaved.

Content of total copper chlorophyllins is not less than

95 % of the sample dried at 100 °C for 1 h.

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}}$ 565 at ca 405 nm in aqueous phosphate

buffer at pH 7,5

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}}$ 145 at ca 630 nm in aqueous phosphate

buffer at pH 7,5

Assay

Not more than 50 mg/kg, singly

or in combination

▼B

Description Dark green to blue/black powder

Identification

Spectrometry Maximum in aqueous phosphate buffer at pH 7,5 at ca

405 nm and at 630 nm

Purity

Solvent residues Acetone

> Methyl ethyl ketone

Methanol

Ethanol Propan-2-ol Hexane

Dichloromethane: not more than 10 mg/kg

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg Copper ions Not more than 200 mg/kg

Not more than 8,0 % of the total copper chlorophyllins Total copper

E 142 GREEN S

CI Food Green 4, Brilliant Green BS **Synonyms**

Definition Green S consists essentially of sodium N-[4-(dimethyla-

mino)phenyl] 2-hydroxy-3,6-disulfo-1-naphthalenyl)methylene]-2,5-cyclohexadien-1-ylidene]-Nmethylmethanaminium and subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium chloride and/or sodium sulphate as the principal uncoloured compounds.

Green S is described as the sodium salt. The calcium

and the potassium salt are also permitted.

Class Triarylmethane

44090 Colour Index No 221-409-2 Einecs

Sodium N-[4-[[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl](2-hydroxy-Chemical names

3,6-disulfo-1-naphthalenyl)-methylene]2,5cyclohexadien-1-ylidene]-N-methylmethanaminium;

Sodium 5-[4-dimethylamino-α-(4-dimethyliminocyclo-

hexa-2,5-dienylidene) benzyl]-6-hydroxy-7-sulfonato-naphthalene-2-sulfonate

(alternative chemical name).

Chemical formula C₂₇H₂₅N₂NaO₇S₂

Molecular weight 576,63

Assay Content not less than 80 % total colouring matters calcu-

lated as the sodium salt

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 1 720 at ca 632 nm in aqueous solution

Description Dark blue or dark green powder or granules

Identification

A. Spectrometry Maximum in water at ca 632 nm

B. Blue or green solution in water

Purity

Water insoluble matter Not more than 0,2 % Subsidiary colouring matters Not more than 1,0 %

Organic compounds other than

colouring matters:

4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)-benzhydryl alcohol

Not more than 0,1 %

4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)-benzophenone Not more than 0,1 % Not more than 0,2 %

3-hydroxynaphthalene-2,7-disulfonic

acid

Leuco base

Unsulfonated primary aromatic

Ether extractable matter Not more than 0,2 % under neutral conditions

Not more than 5,0 %

Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline)

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 150a PLAIN CARAMEL

Definition Plain caramel is prepared by the controlled heat treat-

ment of carbohydrates (commercially available food grade nutritive sweeteners which are the monomers glucose and fructose and/or polymers thereof, e.g. glucose syrups, sucrose, and/or invert syrups, and dextrose). To promote caramelization, acids, alkalis and salts may be employed, with the exception of

ammonium compounds and sulphites.

Einecs 232-435-9

Description Dark brown to black liquids or solids

Purity

Colour bound by DEAE cellulose Not more than 50 % Colour bound by phosphoryl cellulose Not more than 50 %

Colour intensity(1) 0.01 - 0.12

Total nitrogen Not more than 0,1 % Total sulphur Not more than 0,2 % Arsenic Not more than 1 mg/kg Lead Not more than 2 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Mercury Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 25 mg/kg

E 150b CAUSTIC SULPHITE CARAMEL

Definition Caustic sulphite caramel is prepared by the controlled

heat treatment of carbohydrates (commercially available food grade nutritive sweeteners which are the monomers glucose and fructose and/or polymers thereof, e.g. glucose syrups, sucrose, and/or invert syrups, and dextrose) with or without acids or alkalis, in the presence of sulphite compounds (sulphurous acid, potassium sulphite, potassium bisulphite, sodium sulphite and sodium bisulphite); no ammonium compounds are used.

232-435-9

Description Dark brown to black liquids or solids

Purity

Einecs

Colour bound by DEAE cellulose More than 50 % Colour intensity(1) 0,05-0,13

Total nitrogen Not more than 0,3 %(2) Sulphur dioxide Not more than 0.2%(2)Total sulphur $0,3-3,5\%(^{2})$

Sulphur bound by DEAE cellulose More than 40 %

⁽¹⁾ Colour intensity is defined as the absorbance of a 0,1 % (w/v) solution of caramel colour solids in water in a 1 cm

Absorbance ratio of colour bound by 19—34

DEAE cellulose

Absorbance ratio Greater than 50

(A 280/560)

Arsenic Not more than 1 mg/kg
Lead Not more than 2 mg/kg
Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg
Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg
Not more than 1 mg/kg
Not more than 2 mg/kg
Not more than 2 mg/kg

E 150c AMMONIA CARAMEL

DefinitionAmmonia caramel is prepared by the controlled heat treatment of carbohydrates (commercially available food

grade nutritive sweeteners which are the monomers glucose and fructose and/or polymers thereof, e.g. glucose syrups, sucrose, and/or invert syrups, and dextrose) with or without acids or alkalis, in the presence of ammonium compounds (ammonium hydroxide, ammonium carbonate, ammonium hydrogen carbonate and ammonium phosphate); no sulphite compounds are

used.

Einecs 232-435-9

Description Dark brown to black liquids or solids

Purity

Colour bound by DEAE cellulose Not more than 50 %

Colour bound by phosphoryl cellulose More than 50 %

Colour intensity(1) 0,08—0,36

Ammoniacal nitrogen

Not more than 0,3 %(2)

4-methylimidazole

Not more than 250 mg/kg(2)

Not more than 10 mg/kg(2)

Total sulphur Not more than 0,2 %(2)

Total nitrogen 0,7—3,3 %(²)

Absorbance ratio of colour bound by 13—35

phosphoryl cellulose

Arsenic Not more than 1 mg/kg
Lead Not more than 2 mg/kg
Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg
Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg
Not more than 1 mg/kg
Not more than 2 mg/kg
Not more than 2 mg/kg

⁽¹⁾ Colour intensity is defined as the absorbance of a 0,1 % (w/v) solution of caramel colour solids in water in a 1 cm cell at 610 nm.

⁽²⁾ Expressed on equivalent colour basis i.e. is expressed in terms of a product having a colour intensity of 0,1 absorbance units.

⁽¹⁾ Colour intensity is defined as the absorbance of a 0,1 % (w/v) solution of caramel colour solids in water in a 1 cm cell at 610 nm.

⁽²⁾ Expressed on equivalent colour basis i.e. is expressed in terms of a product having a colour intensity of 0,1 absorbance units.

E 150d SULPHITE AMMONIA CARAMEL

Definition

Sulphite ammonia caramel is prepared by the controlled heat treatment of carbohydrates (commercially available food grade nutritive sweeteners which are the monomers glucose and fructose and/or polymers thereof (e.g. glucose syrups, sucrose, and/or invert syrups, and dextrose) with or without acids or alkalis in the presence of both sulphite and ammonium compounds (sulphurous acid, potassium sulphite, potassium bisulphite, sodium sulphite, sodium bisulphite, ammonium hydroxide, ammonium carbonate, ammonium hydrogen carbonate, ammonium phosphate, ammonium sulphate, ammonium sulphite and ammonium hydrogen sulphite).

Einecs

232-435-9

Description

Dark brown to black liquids or solids

Purity

Colour bound by DEAE cellulose More than 50 % Colour intensity(1) 0,10-0,60

Ammoniacal nitrogen Not more than 0,6 %(2) Sulphur dioxide Not more than $0.2\%(^2)$ 4-methylimidazole Not more than 250 mg/kg(2)

Total nitrogen 0,3-1,7%(2)Total sulphur $0.8 - 2.5 \%(^{2})$ Nitrogen/sulphur ratio of alcohol 0,7-2,7

precipitate

Absorbance ratio of alcohol precipi-

tate(3)

Absorbance ratio (A 280/560) Not more than 50 Arsenic Not more than 1 mg/kg Lead Not more than 2 mg/kg Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 25 mg/kg

(1) Colour intensity is defined as the absorbance of a 0,1 % (w/v) solution of caramel colour solids in water in a 1 cm cell at 610 nm.

E 151 BRILLIANT BLACK BN. BLACK PN

Synonyms CI Food Black 1

Definition Brilliant Black BN consists essentially of tetrasodium-4-

acetamido-5-hydroxy-6-[7-sulfonato-4-(4-sulfonatophenylazo)-1-naphthylazo] naphthalene-1,7-disulfonate and subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the principal uncoloured components.

Brilliant Black BN is described as the sodium salt. The calcium and the potassium salt are also permitted.

Class Bisazo Colour Index No 28440 Einecs 219-746-5

Chemical names Tetrasodium 4-acetamido-5-hydroxy-6-[7-sulfonato-4-

(4-sulfonatophenylazo)-1-naphthylazo] naphthalene-1,7-

disulfonate

Chemical formula $C_{28}H_{17}N_5Na_4O_{14}S_4$

Molecular weight

Content not less than 80 % total colouring matters calcu-Assay

lated as the sodium salt

⁽²⁾ Expressed on equivalent colour basis i.e. is expressed in terms of a product having a colour intensity of 0,1 absorbance units.

⁽³⁾ Absorbance ratio of alcohol precipitate is defined as the absorbance of the precipitate at 280 nm divided by the absorbance at 560 nm (1 cm cell).

Description

Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Black-bluish solution in water

Purity

Water insoluble matter
Subsidiary colouring matters
Organic compounds other than
colouring matters:

4-acetamido-5-hydroxynaphthalene-1,7-disulfonic acid

4-amino-5-hydroxynaphthalene-1,7-disulfonic acid

8-aminonaphthalene-2-sulfonic acid

4,4'-diazoaminodi-(benzenesulfonic acid)

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic Lead Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

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E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}} 530 at ca 570 nm in solution
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Black powder or granules

Maximum in water at ca 570 nm

Not more than 0,2 %

Not more than $10\,\%$ (expressed on the dye content)

Total not more than 0,8 %

Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline)

Not more than 0,2 % under neutral conditions

Not more than 3 mg/kg Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 153 VEGETABLE CARBON

Synonyms

Definition

Colour Index No

Einecs Chemical names Chemical formula Molecular weight

Assay

Vegetable black

Vegetable carbon is produced by the carbonization of vegetable material such as wood, cellulose residues, peat and coconut and other shells. The raw material is carbonized at high temperatures. It consists essentially of finely divided carbon. It may contain minor amounts of nitrogen, hydrogen and oxygen. Some moisture may be absorbed on the product after manufacture.

77266 215-609-9 Carbon C

Content not less than 95 % of carbon calculated on an anhydrous and ash-free basis

Black powder, odourless and tasteless

Description Identification

A. SolubilityB. Burning

Purity

Ash (Total) Arsenic Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb) Polyaromatic hydrocarbons Insoluble in water and organic solvents

When heated to redness it burns slowly without a flame

Not more than 4,0 % (ignition temperature: 625 °C)

Not more than 3 mg/kg Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 40 mg/kg

The extract obtained by extraction of 1 g of the product with 10 g pure cyclohexane in a continuous extraction apparatus shall be colourless, and the fluorescence of the extract in ultraviolet light shall not be more intense than

Loss on drying

Alkali soluble matter

that of a solution of 0,100 mg of quinine sulfate in 1 000 ml of 0,01 M sulphuric acid.

Not more than 12 % (120 °C, 4 hrs)

The filtrate obtained by boiling 2 g of the sample with 20 ml N sodium hydroxide and filtering shall be colour-less

E 154 BROWN FK

Synonyms

Definition

Class Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

CI Food Brown 1

Brown FK consists essentially of a mixture of:

I sodium 4-(2,4-diaminophenylazo) benzenesulfonate

II sodium 4-(4,6-diamino-m-tolylazo) benzenesulfonate

III disodium 4,4'-(4,6-diamino-1,3-phenylenebisazo)di (benzenesulfonate)

IV disodium 4,4'-(2,4-diamino-1,3-phenylenebisazo)di (benzenesulfonate)

V disodium 4,4'-(2,4-diamino-5-methyl-1,3-phenylenebisazo)di (benzenesulfonate)

VI trisodium 4,4',4"-(2,4-diaminobenzene-1,3,5-trisazo)tri-(benzenesulfonate)

and subsidiary colouring matters together with water, sodium chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the principal uncoloured components.

Brown FK is described as the sodium salt. The calcium and the potassium salt are also permitted.

Azo (a mixture of mono-, bis- and trisazo colours)

A mixture of:

I sodium 4-(2,4-diaminophenylazo) benzenesulfonate

II sodium 4-(4,6-diamino-m-tolylazo) benzenesulfo-

III disodium 4,4'-(4,6-diamino-1,3-phenylenebisazo)di (benzenesulfonate)

IV disodium 4,4'-(2,4-diamino-1,3-phenylenebisazo)di (benzenesulfonate)

V disodium 4,4'-(2,4-diamino-5-methyl-1,3-phenylene-bisazo)di (benzenesulfonate)

VI trisodium 4,4',4"-(2,4-diaminobenzene-1,3,5-trisazo)tri-(benzenesulfonate)

I C₁₂H₁₁N₄NaO₃S

II C₁₃H₁₃N₄NaO₃S

III C₁₈H₁₄N₆Na₂O₆S₂

 $IV \ C_{18} H_{14} N_6 N a_2 O_6 S_2$

V C₁₉H₁₆N₆Na₂O₆S₂

VI C₂₄H₁₇N₈Na₃O₉S₃

I 314,30

II 328,33

III 520,46

IV 520,46

V 534,47

VI 726,59

Content not less than 70 % total colouring matters

Of the total colouring matters present the proportions of the components shall not exceed: I 26 %

II 17 %

III 17 %

IV 16 %

V 20 %

VI 16 %

Description

Red-brown powder or granules

Identification

Orange to reddish solution

Purity

Water insoluble matter Not more than 0,2 % Subsidiary colouring matters Not more than 3,5 %

Organic compounds other than

colouring matters:

-aminobenzene-1-sulfonic acid Not more than 0,7 % m-phenylenediamine and 4-Not more than 0,35 % methyl-m-phenylenediamine

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines other than m-phenylene diamine and 4-methyl-m-phenylene diamine

From a solution of pH 7, not more than 0.2%Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

Ether extractable matter

Lead Mercury Cadmium

E 155 BROWN HT

CI Food Brown 3 **Synonyms**

Definition Brown HT consists essentially of disodium 4,4'-(2,4dihydroxy-5-hydroxymethyl-1,3-phenylene bisazo) di

(naphthalene-1-sulfonate) and subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium chloride and/or sulfate as the principal uncoloured components.

Brown HT is described as the sodium salt. The calcium and potassium salt are also permitted.

Not more than 0,007 % (calculated as aniline)

Class Bisazo 20285 Colour Index No

Einecs 224-924-0

Chemical names Disodium 4,4'-(2,4-dihydroxy-5-hydroxymethyl-1,3phenylene bisazo)di (naphthalene-1-sulfonate)

Chemical formula C27H18N4Na2O9S2

652,57 Molecular weight

Content not less than 70 % total colouring matters calcu-Assay

lated as the sodium salt.

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}}$ 403 at ca 460 nm in aqueous solution at

pH 7

Description Reddish-brown powder or granules

Identification

A. Spectrometry Maximum in water of pH 7 at ca 460 nm

B. Brown solution in water

Purity

Water insoluble matter Not more than 0,2 %

Subsidiary colouring matters Not more than 10 % (TLCmethod)

Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

4-aminonaphthalene-1-sulfonic acid

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Not more than 0,7 %

Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline)

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg

Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg

Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg

Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg

Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

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E 160a (i) mixed carotenes

1. PLANT CAROTENES

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Colour Index No

EINECS

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

Identification

A. Spectrometry

Purity

Solvent residues

Arsenic Lead

Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

2. ALGAL CAROTENES

Definition

CI Food Orange 5

Mixed carotenes are obtained by solvent extraction of natural strains of edible plants, carrots, vegetable oils, grass, alfalfa (lucerne) and nettle.

Not more than 0,2 % in a solution of pH 7

The main colouring principle consists of carotenoids of which beta-carotene accounts for the major part. α , γ -carotene and other pigments may be present. Besides the colour pigments, this substance may contain oils, fats and waxes naturally occurring in the source material. Only the following solvents may be used in the extraction: acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, methanol, ethanol, propan-2-ol, hexane, dichloromethane and carbon

dioxide.
Carotenoid
75130

230-636-6 β -Carotene: $C_{40}H_{56}$

β-Carotene: 536,88

Content of carotenes (calculated as β -carotene) is not less than 5 %. For products obtained by extraction of vegetable oils: not less than 0,2 % in edible fats

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}} = 2500 \text{ at ca } 440 \text{ nm} - 457 \text{ nm in}$

cyclohexane

Maximum in cyclohexane at 440 nm — 457 nm and 470 nm — 486 nm

Acetone
Methyl ethyl
ketone
Methanol

Methanol Propan-2-ol Hexane

Ethanol

Not more than 50 mg/kg, singly or in combination

Dichloromethane Not more than 10 mg/kg

Not more than 3 mg/kg Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 40 mg/kg

Mixed carotenes may also be produced from the algae Dunaliella salina, grown in large saline lakes located in Whyalla, South Australia. Beta-carotene is extracted using an essential oil. The preparation is 20-30% suspension in soya bean oil containing natural tocopherols (up to 0.3%). The ratio of trans-cis isomers is in the range of 50/50 — 71/29.

The main colouring principle consists of carotenoids of which beta-carotene accounts for the major part. Alpha**▼**M1

carotene, lutein, zeaxanthin and beta-cryptoxanthin may be present. Besides the colour pigments, this substance may contain oils, fats and waxes naturally occurring in

the source material.

Class Carotenoid Colour Index No 75130

Content of carotenes (calculated as \beta-carotene) is not Assay

less than 20 %.

Identification

A. Spectrometry Maximum in cyclohexane at 448 nm - 457 nm and

474 nm — 486 nm

Purity

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 40 mg/kg

Heavy metals (as Pb)

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E 160a (ii) BETA-CAROTENE

CI Food Orange 5 **Synonyms**

Definition These specifications apply predominantly to all trans

isomer of β -carotene together with minor amounts of other carotenoids. Diluted and stabilized preparations

may have different cis/trans isomer ratios.

Class Carotenoid Colour Index No 40800 Einecs 230-636-6

β-Carotene, β,β-Carotene Chemical names

Chemical formula $C_{40}H_{56}$ 536,88 Molecular weight

Assay Not less than 96 % total colouring matters (expressed as

β-carotene)

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 2 500 at ca 453—456 nm in cyclohexane

Description Red to brownish-red crystals or crystalline powder

Identification

Maximum in cyclohexane at ca 453-456 nm Spectrometry

Purity

Sulfated ash Not more than 0,2 %

Subsidiary colouring matters Carotinoids other than β -carotene: not more than 3,0 %

of total colouring matters

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 160b ANNATTO, BIXIN, NORBIXIN

CI Natural Orange 4 **Synonyms**

Definition

Class Carotenoid Colour Index No 75120

Einecs Annatto: 215-735-4, annatto seed extract: 289-561-2;

bixin: 230-248-7

Chemical names

Bixin:6'-Methylhydrogen-9'-cis-6,6'-diapocarotene-6,6'-

dioate

6'-Methylhydrogen-9'-trans-6,6'-diapocarotene-6,6'-

dioate

Norbixin:9'Cis-6,6'-diapocarotene-6,6'-dioic acid

9'-Trans-6,6'-diapocarotene-6,6'-dioic acid

Chemical formula

Bixin:C25H30O4 Norbixin:C24H28O4

Molecular weight Bixin: 394.51

Norbixin: 380,48

Description

Reddish-brown powder, suspension or solution

Identification

Spectrometry

Bixin:maximum in chloroform at ca 502 nm

Norbixin:maximum in dilute KOH solution at ca 482 nm

(i) Solvent extracted bixin and norbixin

Definition

Bixin is prepared by the extraction of the outer coating of the seeds of the annatto tree (Bixa orellana L.) with one or more of the following solvents: acetone, methanol, hexane or dichloromethane, carbon dioxide followed by the removal of the solvent.

Norbixin is prepared by hydrolysis by aqueous alkali of the extracted bixin.

Bixin and norbixin may contain other materials extracted from the annatto seed.

The bixin powder contains several coloured components, the major single one being bixin, which may be present in both cis- and trans- forms. Thermal degradation products of bixin may also be present.

The norbixin powder contains the hydrolysis product of bixin, in the form of the sodium or potassium salts as the major colouring principle. Both cis- and trans-forms may be present.

Content of bixin powders not less than 75 % total carotenoids calculated as bixin.

Content of norbixin powders not less than 25 % total carotenoids calculated as norbixin

E 1 % 2 870 at ca 502 nm in Bixin:

chloroform

E $^{1}_{1 \text{ cm}}$ 2 870 at ca 482 nm in Norbixin:

KOH solution

Purity

Assay

Solvent residues Acetone not more than 50 mg/kg, singly

Methanol or in combination

Hexane

Dichloromethane: not more than 10 mg/kg

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

(ii) Alkali extracted annatto

Definition

Water soluble annatto is prepared by extraction with aqueous alkali (sodium or potassium hydroxide) of the outer coating of the seeds of the annatto tree (Bixa orellana L.)

Water soluble annatto contains norbixin, the hydrolysis product of bixin, in the form of the sodium or potassium salts, as the major colouring principle. Both cis- and trans- forms may be present.

Contains not less than 0.1% of total carotenoids

expressed as norbixin

Norbixin

Purity

Assay

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg
Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg
Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg
Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg
Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

(iii) Oil extracted annatto

Definition Annatto extracts in oil, as solution or suspension, are

prepared by extraction of the outer coating of the seeds of the annatto tree (*Bixa orellana L.*) with edible vegetable oil. Annatto extract in oil contains several coloured components, the major single one being bixin, which may be present in both cis- and trans- forms. Thermal degradation products of bixin may also be

present.

Assay Contains not less than 0,1 % of total carotenoids

expressed as bixin

Bixin: $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}} = 2870 \text{ at ca } 502 \text{ nm in}$

chloroform

Purity

Chemical formula

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg
Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg
Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg
Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg
Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 160c PAPRIKA EXTRACT, CAPSANTHIN, CAPSORUBIN

Synonyms Paprika Oleoresin

Definition Paprika extract is obtained by solvent extraction of the

natural strains of paprika, which consists of the ground fruits pods, with or without seeds, of *Capsicum annuum L.*, and contains the major colouring principles of this spice. The major colouring principles are capsanthin and capsorubin. A wide variety of other coloured

compounds is known to be present.

Only the following solvents may be used in the extraction: methanol, ethanol, acetone, hexane, dichlorome-

thane, ethyl acetate and carbon dioxide.

Class Carotenoid

Einecs Capsanthin: 207-364-1, capsorubin: 207-425-2 Chemical names Capsanthin: (3R, 3'S, 5'R)-3,3'-dihydroxy-β,k-

carotene-6-one

Capsorubin: (3S, 3'S, 5R, 5R')-3,3'-dihydroxy-k,k-

carotene-6,6'-dione

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Capsanthin:} & \text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{56}\text{O}_3 \\ \text{Capsorubin:} & \text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{56}\text{O}_4 \end{array}$

Molecular weight Capsanthin: 584,85

Capsorubin: 600,85

Assay Paprika extrakt: content not less than 7,0 % carotinoids

Capsanthin/capsorubin: not less than 30 % of total caro-

tenoids

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 2 100 at ca 462 nm in acetone

Description Dark-red viscous liquid

Identification

A. Spectrometry Maximum in acetone at ca 462 nm

B. Colour reaction

A deep blue colour is produced by adding one drop of sulfuric acid to one drop of sample in 2—3 drops of

chloroform

Purity

Solvent residues Ethyl acetate

Methanol

Ethanol Not more than 50 mg/kg, singly or in combination

Hexane

Dichloromethan: not more than 10 mg/kg

Capsaicin

Arsenic

Lead

Not more than 250 mg/kg

Not more than 3 mg/kg

Not more than 10 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 160d LYCOPENE

Synonyms Natural Yellow 27

DefinitionLycopene is obtained by solvent extraction of the natural strains of red tomatoes (*Lycopersicon escu-*

lentum L.) with subsequent removal of the solvent. Only the following solvents may be used: dichloromethane, carbon dioxide, ethyl acetate, acetone, propan-2-ol, methanol, ethanol, hexane. The major colouring principle of tomatoes is lycopene, minor amounts of other carotenoid pigments may be present. Beside the other colour pigments the product may contain oils, fats, waxes, and flavour components naturally occurring in

tomatoes.

Class Carotinoid
Colour Index No 75125

Chemical names Lycopene, Lycopene, ψ,ψ-carotenecarotene

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Chemical formula} & \quad \text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{56} \\ \text{Molecular weight} & \quad \text{536,85} \end{array}$

Description Dark red viscous liquid

Identification

Spectrometry Maximum in hexane at ca 472 nm

Purity

Solvent residues Ethyl acetate

Methanol Ethanol

thanol Not more than 50 mg/kg, singly or in combination

Acetone Hexane Propan-2-ol

Dichloromethane: Not more than 10 mg/kg

Sulfated ash
Arsenic
Lead
Not more than 0,1 %
Not more than 3 mg/kg
Not more than 10 mg/kg
Mercury
Not more than 1 mg/kg

Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg
Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 160e BETA-APO-8'-CAROTENAL (C30)

Synonyms CI Food Orange 6

Definition These specifications apply to predominantly all trans

isomer of β -apo-8'-carotenal together with minor amounts of other carotenoids. Diluted and stabilized forms are prepared from β -apo-8'-carotenal meeting these specifications and include solutions or suspensions of β -apo-8'carotenal in edible fats or oils, emulsions and water dispersible powders. These preparations may have

different cis/trans isomer ratios.

Class Carotinoid
Colour Index No 40820
Einecs 214-171-6

Chemical names β-Apo-8'-carotenal, Trans-β-apo-8'carotene-aldehyde

Chemical formula $C_{30}H_{40}O$ Molecular weight 416,65

Assay Not less than 96 % of total colouring matters

E $^{1}_{1 \text{ cm}}$ 2 640 at 460—462 nm in cyclohexane

Description Dark violet crystals with metallic lustre or crystalline

powder

Identification

Spectrometry Maximum in cyclohexane at 460—462 nm

Purity

Sulfated ash Not more than 0,1 %

Subsidiary colouring matters Carotenoids other than β -apo-8'-carotenal:

not more than 3,0 % of total colouring matters

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg
Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg
Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg
Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg
Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 10 mg/kg

E 160f ETHYL ESTER OF BETA-APO-8'-CAROTENOIC ACID (C30)

Synonyms CI Food Orange 7, β-apo-8'-Carotinester, Carotinsäuree-

ster

DefinitionThese specifications apply to predominantly all trans

isomer of β -apo-8'-carotenoic acid ethyl ester together with minor amounts of other carotenoids. Diluted and stabilized forms are prepared from β -apo-8'-carotenoic acid ethyl ester meeting these specifications and include solutions or suspensions of β -apo-8'-carotenoic acid ethyl ester in edible fats or oils, emulsions and water dispersible powders. These preparations may have

different cis/trans isomer ratios.

Class Carotinoid
Colour Index No 40825

Einecs 214-173-7

Chemical names β-Apo-8'-carotenoic acid ethyl ester, ethyl 8'-apo-β-

caroten-8'-oate

Assay Not less than 96 % of total colouring matters

E $^{1}_{1 \text{ cm}}$ 2 550 at ca 449 nm in cyclohexane

Description

Red to violet-red crystals or crystalline powder

Identification

Spectrometry

Maximum in cyclohexane at ca 449 nm

Purity

Sulfated ash

Not more than 0,1 %

Subsidiary colouring matters

Carotenoids other than $\beta\mbox{-apo-8'-carotenoic}$ acid ethyl ester: not more than 3,0 % of total colouring matters

Not more than 3,0 % der Farbstoffe insgesamt

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg
Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg
Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg
Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg
Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 10 mg/kg

E 161b LUTEIN

Synonyms

Mixed Carotenoids, Xanthophylls

Definition

Lutein is obtained by solvent extraction of the natural strains of edible fruits and plants, grass, lucerne (alfalfa) and tagetes erecta. The main colouring principle consists of carotenoids of which lutein and its fatty acid esters account for the major part. Variable amounts of carotenes will also be present. Lutein may contain fats, oils and waxes naturally occurring in the plant material.

Only the following solvents may be used for the extraction: methanol, ethanol, propan-2-ol, hexane, acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, dichloromethane and carbon dioxide

Class Carotenoid Einecs 204-840-0

Chemical names 3,3'-dihydroxy-d-carotene

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Chemical formula} & \text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{56}\text{O}_2 \\ \\ \text{Molecular weight} & 568,88 \end{array}$

Assay Content of total colouring matter not less than 4 %

calculated as lutein

E $_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}}$ 2 550 at ca 445 nm in chloroform/ethanol (10 + 90) or in hexane/ethanol/acetone (80 + 10 + 10)

Description

Dark, yellowish brown liquid

Identification

Spectrometry Maximum in chloroform/ethanol (10 + 90) at ca 445 nm

Purity

Solvent residues Acetone

Methyl ethyl ketone
Methanol

Methanol Not more than 50 mg/kg, singly or in combination

Propan-2-ol Hexane

Dichloromethane: not more than 10 mg/kg

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg

Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg

Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg

Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg

Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 161g CANTHAXANTHIN

Synonyms CI Food Orange 8

Definition These specifications apply to predominantly all trans

isomers of canthaxanthin together with minor amounts of other carotenoids. Diluted and stabilized forms are prepared from canthaxanthin meeting these specifications and include solutions or suspensions of canthaxanthin in edible fats or oils, emulsions and water dispersible powders. These preparations may have different

cis/trans isomer ratios.

208-187-2

Carotinoid Class Colour Index No 40850

β-Carotene-4,4'-dione, canthaxanthin, 4,4'-dioxo-β-caro-Chemical names

Chemical formula $C_{40}H_{52}O_{2}$ Molecular weight 564,86

Assay Not less than 96 % of total colouring matters (expressed

as canthaxanthin)

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 2 200 at ca 485 nm in chloroform

at 468-472 nm in cyclohexane at 464-467 nm in petroleum ether

Description Deep violet crystals or crystalline powder

Identification

Einecs

Spectrometry Maximum in chloroform at ca 485 nm Maximum in cyclohexane at 468-472 nm

Maximum in petroleum ether at 464-467 nm

Purity

Sulfated ash Not more than 0,1 %

Subsidiary colouring matters Carotenoids other than canthaxanthin: not more than

5,0 % of total colouring matters

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 162 BEETROOT RED, BETANIN

Synonyms

Definition Beet red is obtained from the roots of natural strains of

red beets (Beta vulgaris L. var. rubra) by pressing crushed beet as press juice or by aqueous extraction of shredded beet roots and subsequent enrichment in the active principle. The colour is composed of different pigments all belonging to the class betalaine. The main colouring principle consists of betacyanins (red) of which betanin accounts for 75-95 %. Minor amounts of betaxanthin (yellow) and degradation products of

betalaines (light brown) may be present.

Besides the colour pigments the juice or extract consists of sugars, salts, and/or proteins naturally occurring in red beets. The solution may be concentrated and some products may be refined in order to remove most of the

sugars, salts and proteins.

Class Betalaine Einecs 231-628-5

Chemical names $(S-(R',R')-4-(2-(2-Carboxy-5(\beta-D-$

> glucopyranosyloxy)-2,3-dihydro-6-hydroxy-1H-indol-1yl)ethenyl)-2,3-dihydro-2,6-pyridine-dicarboxylic acid; 1-(2-(2,6-dicarboxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-4-pyridyli

dene)ethylidene)-5-β-D-glucopyranosyloxy)-6-

hydroxyindolium-2-carboxylate

Chemical formula Betanin: $C_{24}H_{26}N_2O_{13}$

Molecular weight 550,48

Assay Content of red colour (expressed as betanine) is not less

than 0,4 %

E $^{1}_{1}$ cm 1 1 120 at ca 535 nm in aqueous solution

at pH 5

Description Red or dark red liquid, paste, powder or solid

Identification

Spectrometry Maximum in water of pH 5 at ca 535 nm

Purity

Nitrate Not more than 2 g nitrate anion/g of red colour (as

calculated from assay).

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg Not more than 10 mg/kg Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg Mercury Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg Not more than 40 mg/kg Heavy metals (as Pb)

E 163 ANTHOCYANINS

Chemical formula

Definition Anthocyanins are obtained by extraction with sulphited water, acidified water, carbon dioxide, methanol or

ethanol from the natural strains of vegetables and edible fruits. Anthocyanins contain common components of the source material, namely anthocyanine, organic acids, tannins, sugars, minerals etc., but not necessarily in the

same proportions as found in the source material.

Class Anthocyanin

Einecs 208-438-6 (cyanidin); 205-125-6 (peonidin); 208-437-0

(delphinidin); 211-403-8 (malvidin); 205-127-7 (pelar-

Chemical names 3,3',4',5,7-Pentahydroxy-flavylium chloride (cyanidin)

3,4',5,7-Tetrahydroxy-3'-methoxyflavylium

(peonidin)

3,4',5,7-Tetrahydroxy-3',5'-dimethoxyflavylium chloride

(malvidin)

3,5,7-Trihydroxy-2-(3,4,5,trihydroxy-

phenyl)-1-benzopyrylium chloride (delphinidin)

3,3'4',5,7-Pentahydroxy-5'-methoxyflavylium chloride

(petunidin)

3, 5, 7-Trihydroxy-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-benzopyrilium

chloride (pelargonidin)

Cyanidin:

C15H11O6CI C16H13O6CI Peonidin: Malvidin: C17H15O7CI Delphinidin: C15H11O7CI Petunidin: $C_{16}H_{13}O_{7}CI$ Pelargonidin: $C_{15}H_{11}O_5CI$

Molecular weight Cyanidin: 322,6

> Peonidin: 336,7 Malvidin: 366.7 Delphinidin: 340,6 Petunidin: 352,7 Pelargonidin: 306,7

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}}$ 300 for the pure pigment at 515-535 nm at Assay

Description Purplish-red liquid, powder or paste, having a slight

characteristic odour

Identification

Maximum in methanol with 0,01 % conc. HCl Spectrometry

> Cyanidin: 535 nm Peonidin: 532 nm Malvidin: 542 nm Delphinidin: 546 nm 543 nm Petunidin: Pelargonidin: 530 nm

Purity

Solvent residues Methanol Not more than 50 mg/kg

Ethanol Solvent residues Not more than 1 000 mg/kg per percent pigment

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg Mercury Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 170 CALCIUM CARBONATE

CI Pigment White 18, Chalk **Synonyms**

Definition Calcium carbonate is the product obtained from ground

limestone or by the precipitation of calcium ions with

Not more than 100 mg/kg, singly or in combination

carbonate ions.

Class Inorganic

Colour Index No 77220

Einecs Calcium carbonate: 207-439-9

Limestone: 215-279-6

Chemical names Calcium carbonate

Chemical formula CaCO₃ Molecular weight 100,1

Assay Content not less than 98 % on the anhydrous basis

Description White crystalline or amorphous, odourless and tasteless

powder

Identification

Solubility Practically insoluble in water and in alcohol. Dissolves with effervescence in diluted acetic acid, in diluted hydrochloric acid and in diluted nitric acid, and the

> resulting solutions, after boiling, give positive tests for calcium.

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 2,0 % (200 °C, 4 hours)

Acid-insoluble substances Not more than 0,2 % Not more than 1,5 % Magnesium and alkali salts Fluoride Not more than 50 mg/kg

Antimony (as Sb) Copper (as Cu) Chromium (as Cr)

Zinc (as Zn)

Barium (as Ba)

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg Not more than 10 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg

Lead Cadmium

E 171 TITANIUM DIOXIDE

Synonyms CI Pigment White 6

DefinitionTitanium Dioxide consists essentially of pure anatase

titanium dioxide which may be coated with small amounts of alumina and/or silica to improve the techno-

logical properties of the product.

Class Inorganic
Colour Index No 77891

Einecs 236-675-5
Chemical names Titanium dioxide

Assay Content not less than 99 % on an alumina and silica-free

basis

Description Amorphous white powder

Identification

Solubility Insoluble in water and organic solvents. Dissolves slowly in hydrofluoric acid and in hot concentrated

sulfuric acid.

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 0,5 % (105 °C, 3 hours)

Loss on ignition Not more than 1,0 % on a volatile matter free basis

Total not more than 2,0 %

(800 °C)

Aluminium oxide and/or silicon

dioxide

Matter soluble in 0,5N HCl Not more than 0,5 % on an alumina and silica-free basis

and, in addition, for products containing alumina and/or silica, not more than 1,5 % on the basis of the product as

sold.

Water soluble matter

Not more than 0,5 %

Cadmium

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Antimony

Arsenic

Not more than 50 mg/kg by total dissolution

Not more than 3 mg/kg by total dissolution

Lead

Not more than 10 mg/kg by total dissolution

Mercury

Not more than 1 mg/kg by total dissolution

Not more than 50 mg/kg by total dissolution

Not more than 50 mg/kg by total dissolution

E 172 IRON OXIDES AND IRON HYDROXIDES

Synonyms Iron Oxide Yellow: CI Pigment Yellow 42 and 43

Iron Oxide Red: CI Pigment Red 101 and 102

Iron Oxide Black: CI Pigment Black 11

Definition Iron oxides and iron hydroxides are produced syntheti-

cally and consist essentially of anhydrous and/or hydrated iron oxides. The range of hues includes yellows, reds, browns and blacks. Food quality iron oxides are primarily distinguished from technical grades by the comparatively low levels of contamination by other metals. This si achieved by the selection and control of the source of the iron and/or by the extent of chemical purification during the manufacturing process.

Class Inorganic

Colour Index No Iron Oxide Yellow: 77492

Iron Oxide Red: 77491 Iron Oxide Black: 77499

Einecs Iron Oxide Yellow: 257-098-5 Iron Oxide Red: 215-168-2

Iron Oxide Black: 235-442-5

By total dissolution

▼B

Chemical names Iron Oxide Yellow: hydrated ferric oxide, hydrated iron

(III) oxide

Iron Oxide Red: anhydrous ferric oxide, anhydrous iron

(III) oxide

Iron Oxide Black: ferroso ferric oxide, iron (II, III)

oxide

Chemical formula Iron Oxide Yellow: FeO(OH).xH₂O

Iron Oxide Red: Fe₂O₃
Iron Oxide Black: FeO.Fe₂O₃

Molecular weight 88,85: FeO(OH)

159,70: Fe₂O₃ 231,55: FeO.Fe₂O₃

Assay Yellow not less than 60 %, red and black not less than

68 % total iron, expressed as iron

Description Powder; yellow, red, brown or black in hue

Identification

Solubility Insoluble in water and in organic solvents
Soluble in concentrated mineral acids

Purity

Water soluble matter

Not more than 1,0 %

Arsenic Not more than 5 mg/kg
Barium Not more than 50 mg/kg
Cadmium Not more than 5 mg/kg
Chromium Not more than 5 mg/kg
Not more than 100 mg/kg
Copper Not more than 50 mg/kg

Lead Not more than 20 mg/kg

Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg

Nickel Not more than 200 mg/kg

Zinc Not more than 100 mg/kg

E 173 ALUMINIUM

Synonyms CI Pigment Metal, Al

Definition Aluminium powder is composed of finely divided

particles of aluminium. The grinding may or may not be carried out in the presence of edible vegetable oils and/or food additive quality fatty acids. It is free from admixture with substances other than edible vegetable

oils and/or food additive quality fatty acids.

Colour Index No 77000

Einecs 231-072-3 Chemical names Aluminium

Chemical formula Al Atomic weight 26,98

Assay Not less than 99 % calculated as Al on an oil-free basis

Description A silvery-grey powder or tiny sheets

Identification

Solubility Insoluble in water and in organic solvents. Soluble in

dilute hydrochloric acid. The resulting solution gives

positive tests for aluminium.

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 0,5 % (105 °C, to constant weight)

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg
Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg
Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg
Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg
Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 40 mg/kg

E 174 SILVER

SynonymsArgentum, AgClassInorganicColour Index No77820Einecs231-131-3Chemical namesSilver

Chemical formula Ag
Atomic weight 107,87

Assay Content not less than 99,5 % Ag **Description** Silver-coloured powder or tiny sheets

E 175 GOLD

Synonyms Pigment Metal 3, Aurum, Au

Class Inorganic
Colour Index No 77480
Einecs 231-165-9
Chemical names Gold
Chemical formula Au
Atomic weight 197,0

Assay Content not less than 90 % Au

Description Gold-coloured powder or tiny sheets

Purity

Silver Not more than

7,0 %

Copper Not more than

4,0 %

After complete dissolution

E 180 LITHOLRUBINE BK

Synonyms CI Pigment Red 57, Rubinpigment, Carmine 6B

Definition Lithol Rubine BK consists essentially of calcium 3-

hydroxy-4-(4-methyl-2-sulfonatopheny-

lazo)-2-naphthalenecarboxylate and subsidiary colouring matters together with water, calcium chloride and/or calcium sulfate as the principal uncoloured components.

Class Monoazo

 Colour Index No
 15850:1

 Einecs
 226-109-5

Chemical names Calcium 3-hydroxy-4-(4-methyl-2-sulfonatopheny-

lazo)-2-naphthalene-carboxylate

Chemical formula $C_{18}H_{12}CaN_2O_6S$

Molecular weight 424,45

Assay Content not less than 90 % total colouring matters $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}}$ 200 at ca 442 nm in dimethylformamide

Description Red powder

Identification

Spectrometry Maximum in dimethylformamide at ca 442 nm

Purity

Subsidiary colouring matters Not more than 0,5 %

Organic compounds other than

colouring matters:

2-Amino-5-methylbenzenesulfonic Not more than 0,2 %

acid, calcium salt

3-hydroxy-2-naphthalenecarboxylic acid, calcium salt

Not more than 0,4 %

▼<u>B</u>

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines Not more than 0,01 % (expressed as aniline)

Ether extractable matter From a solution of pH 7, not more than 0,2 %

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg
Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg
Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg
Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Not more than 40 mg/kg