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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

1. 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.

When Member States adopt these provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference at

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 40, 11. 2. 1989, p. 27.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 237, 10. 9. 1994, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 237, 10. 9. 1994, p. 13.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No 115, 11. 11. 1962, p. 2645/62.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 2, 3. 1. 1985, p. 22.

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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

**Definition** 

Synonyms CI Natural Yellow 3, Turmeric Yellow, Diferoyl

Methane

Curcumin 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 principle (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.

Class Dicinnamoylmethane

Colour Index No 75300

Einecs 207-280-5

Chemical names I 1,7-Bis(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)hepta-1,6-diene-3,5-dione

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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

Chemical formula I  $C_{21}H_{20}O_6$ 

If  $C_{21}H_{20}O_6$ If  $C_{20}H_{18}O_5$ 

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

Molecular weight I. 368,39

II. 338,39III. 308,39

Assay 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

A. Spectrometry Maximum in ethanol at ca 426 nm

B. Melting Range 179 °C—182 °C

Purity

Solvent residues Ethylacetate

Acetone

n-butanol

Methanol

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

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

Lactoflavin **Synonyms** 

Isoalloxazine Class Einecs 201-507-1

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

benzo(g)pteridine-2,4(3H,10H)-dione

7,8-dimethyl-10-(1'-D-ribityl)isoalloxazine

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

Assay Content not less than 98 % on the anhydrous basis

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

Yellow to orange-yellow crystalline powder, with slight Description

odour

Identification

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

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

in aqueous solution

Maximum in water at ca 375 nm

 $\left[\alpha\right]_D^{20}$  between -115° and -140° in a 0,05 N sodium B. Specific rotation

hydroxide solution

**Purity** 

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

Sulfated ash Not more than 0,1 %

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

#### 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

riboflavin diphosphate

Class Isoalloxazine
Einecs 204-988-6
Chemical names Monosodium

 $\begin{array}{l} (2R,3R,4S)\text{-}5\text{-}(3')10'\text{-}dihydro\text{-}7',8'\text{-}dimethyl\text{-}2',4'\text{-}}\\ dioxo\text{-}10'\text{-}benzo[\gamma]pteridinyl)\text{-}2,3,4\text{-}trihydroxypentyl} \end{array}$ 

phosphate;

monosodium salt of 5'-monophosphate ester of ribo-

flavin

Chemical formula For the dihydrate form:  $C_{17}H_{20}N_4NaO_9P.2H_2O$ 

For the anhydrous form:  $C_{17}H_{20}N_4NaO_9P$ 

Molecular weight 541,36

Assay Content not less than 95 % total colouring matters

calculated as C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>NaO<sub>9</sub>P.2H<sub>2</sub>O

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

**Description** Yellow to orange crystalline hygroscopic powder, with

slight odour and a bitter taste

Identification

A. Spectrometry  $\begin{array}{c} \text{The ratio A}_{375}/\text{A}_{267} \text{ is between} \\ 0{,}30 \text{ and } 0{,}34 \end{array}$ 

5,50 and 0,54

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

in aqueous solution

Maximum in water at ca 375 nm

B. Specific rotation  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$  between +38° and +42° in a 5 molar HCI solution

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 8 % (100 °C, 5 hrs in vacuum over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)

for the dihydrate form

Not more than 40 mg/kg

Sulfated ash Not more than 25 %

Inorganic phosphate Not more than 1,0 % (calculated as PO<sub>4</sub> on the

anhydrous basis)

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

Riboflavine diphosphate: Not more than 6 %

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

E 102 TARTRAZINE

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Synonyms CI Food Yellow 4

**Definition**Tartrazine consists essentially of trisodium 5-hydroxy-1-(4-sulfonatophenyl)-4-(4-sulfonatophenylazo)-H-

pyrazole-3-carboxylate and subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the principal uncoloured components.

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

Class Monoazo

Colour Index No 19140 Einecs 217-699-5

Chemical names Trisodium-5-hydroxy-1-(4-sulfonatophenyl)-4-(4-sulfo-

natophenylazo)-H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate

C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Na<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>S, Chemical formula

Molecular weight 534,37

Assay Content not less than 85 % total colouring matters

calculated as the sodium salt

Light orange powder or granules

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

Description

Identification

A. Spectrometry Maximum in water at ca 426 nm

B. Yellow solution in water

**Purity** 

Water insoluble matter Not more than 0,2 %

Organic compounds other than

colouring matters:

Subsidiary colouring matters

4-hydrazinobenzene sulfonic acid

4-aminobenzene-1-sulfonic acid

5-oxo-1-(4-sulfophenyl)-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)

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

CI Food Yellow 13 **Synonyms** 

Definition Quinoline Yellow is prepared by sulfonating 2-(2quinolyl) 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.

Class Chinophthalone

47005 Colour Index No 305-897-5 Einecs

Chemical name The disodium salts of the disulfonates of 2-(2-quinolyl) indan-1,3-dione (principal component) Chemical formula C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (principal component) Molecular weight 477,38 (principal component) Content not less than 70 % total colouring matters Assay calculated as the sodium salt Quinoline Yellow shall have the following composi-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-(2quinolyl) indan-1,3-dione-trisulfonate  $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$  865 (principal component) at ca 411 nm in aqueous acetic acid solution Description Yellow powder or granules Identification A. Spectrometry Maximum in aqueous acetic acid solution of pH 5 at ca B. Yellow solution in water Purity Water insoluble matter Not more than 0,2 % Subsidiary colouring matters Not more than 4,0 % Organic compounds other than colouring matters: 2-methylquinoline 2-methylquinoline-sulfonic acid Phthalic acid Total not more than 0,5 % 2,6-dimethyl quinoline 2,6-dimethyl quinoline sulfonic acid 2-(2-quinolyl)indan-1,3-dione Not more than 4 mg/kg Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline) Ether extractable matter Not more than 0,2 % under neutral conditions Not more than 3 mg/kg Arsenic Lead Not more than 10 mg/kg

# E 110 SUNSET YELLOW FCF

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Mercury

Cadmium

Synonyms CI Food Yellow 3, Orange Yellow S

Definition

Sunset Yellow FCF consists essentially of disodium 2-hydroxy-1-(4-sulfonatophenylazo) naphthalene-6-sulfonate and subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the principal

Not more than 1 mg/kg

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

uncoloured components.

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

Class Monoazo

15985 Colour Index No Einecs 220-491-7 2-hydroxy-1-(4-sulfonatophenylazo) Chemical names Disodium naphthalene-6-sulfonate Chemical formula C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S<sub>2</sub> Molecular weight 452,37 Content not less than 85 % total colouring matters Assay calculated as the sodium salt  $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$  555 at ca 485 nm in aqueous solution at pH 7 Orange-red powder or granules Description Identification A. Spectrometry Maximum in water at ca 485 nm at pH 7 B. Orange solution in water **Purity** Water insoluble matter Not more than 0,2 % Not more than 5 % Subsidiary colouring matters Organic compounds other than colouring matters: 4-aminobenzene-1-sulfonic acid 3-hydroxynaphthalene-2,7-disulfonic 6-hydroxynaphthalene-2-sulfonic Total not more than 0,5 % 7-hydroxynaphthalene-1,3-disulfonic acid 4,4'-diazoaminodi(benzene sulfonic acid) 6,6'-oxydi(naphthalene-2-sulfonic Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline)

onsurronated primary aromatic amine

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

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.

Not more than 0,2 % under neutral conditions

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.

Class 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** 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

Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 40 mg/kg

#### E 122 AZORUBINE, CARMOISINE

Synonyms CI Food Red 3

**Definition** 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.

Class Monoazo
Colour Index No 14720
Finecs 222-657-4

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

naphthalene-1-sulfonate

Chemical formula  $C_{20}H_{12}N_2Na_2O_7S_2$ 

Molecular weight 502,44

Assay 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

**Description** Red to maroon powder or granules

#### Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Red solution in water

Purity

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)

Maximum in water at ca 516 nm

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 CI Food Red 9

**Definition** 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.

Class Monoazo

 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

Assay Content not less than 85 % total colouring matters,

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

Not more than 0,2 %

Subsidiary colouring matters

Not more than 3,0 %

Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

4-aminonaphthalene-1-sulfonic acid

3-hydroxynaphthalene-2,7-disulfonic acid

6-hydroxynaphthalene-2-sulfonic

acid

7-hydroxynaph thalene-1, 3-disul fonic

acid

7-hydroxynaphthalene-1,3-6-trisul-

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Ether extractable matter

Lead Mercury

Cadmium

Arsenic

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 124 PONCEAU 4R, COCHINEAL RED A

Synonyms CI Food Red 7, New Coccine

**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.

Class Monoazo

 Colour Index No
 16255

 Einecs
 220-036-2

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

naphthalene-6,8-disulfonate

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

Molecular weight 604,48

Assay Content not less than 80 % total colouring matters,

calculated as the sodium salt.

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

**Description** Reddish powder or granules

Identification

A. Spectrometry Maximum in water at ca 505 nm

B. Red 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-aminonaphthalene-1-sulfonic acid

7-hydroxynaphthalene-1,3-disulfonic acid

3-hydroxynaphthalene-2,7-disulfonic acid

6-hydroxynaphthalene-2-sulfonic

7-hydroxynaphthalene-1,3-6-trisul-

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

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

Total not more than 0,5 %

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

Not more than 0,2 % under neutral conditions

#### E 127 ERYTHROSINE

CI Food Red 14 **Synonyms** 

Definition Erythrosine consists essentially of disodium 2-(2,4,5,7tetraiodo-3-oxido-6-oxoxanthen-9-yl) benzoate mono-

hydrate 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.

Class Xanthen

Colour Index No 45430 Einecs 240-474-8

Chemical name Disodium 2-(2,4,5,7-tetraiodo-3-oxido-6-oxoxanthen-9-

yl)benzoate monohydrate

Chemical formula C20H2I4Na2O2.H2O

Molecular weight 897,88

Assay 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 at pH 7

Description Red powder or granules.

Identification

A. Spectrometry Maximum in water at ca 526 nm at pH 7

B. Red solution in water

Purity

Inorganic iodides calculated as sodium

iodide

Not more than 0,1 %

Water insoluble matter

Not more than 0,2 %

Subsidiary colouring matters (except fluorescein)

Not more than 4,0 %

Fluorescein Not more than 20 mg/kg Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

Tri-iodoresorcinol

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

benzoic acid

Ether extractable matter

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

Not more than 0,2 %

Not more than 0,2 %

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 Aluminium Lakes

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** 

CI Food Red 10, Azogeranine

Definition

Red 2G consists essentially of disodium 8-acetamido-1hydroxy-2-phenylazonaphthalene-3,6-disulfonate and 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.

Class

Monoazo Colour Index No 18050 Einecs 223-098-9

Chemical name Disodium 8-acetamido-1-hydroxy-2-phenylazo-

naphthalene-3,6-disulfonate

Chemical formula C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na,O<sub>8</sub>S,

Molecular weight 509,43

Assay Content not less than 80 % total colouring matters,

calculated as the sodium salt

E<sub>1 cm</sub> 620 at ca 532 nm in aqueous solution

Description

Red powder or granules

Identification

A. Spectrometry

Maximum in water at ca 532 nm

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

Not more than 2,0 %

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

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Not more than 10 mg/kg Lead 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 129 ALLURA RED AC

CI Food Red 17 **Synonyms** 

**Definition** Allura Red AC consists essentially of disodium 2-

hydroxy-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 Einecs 247-368-0

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

natophenylazo) naphthalene-6-sulfonate

Chemical formula C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S<sub>2</sub>

Molecular weight 496,42

Assay Content not less than 85 % total colouring matters,

calculated as the sodium salt

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$  540 at ca 504 nm in aqueous solution at pH 7

Description Dark red powder or granules

Identification

A. Spectrometry Maximum in water at ca 504 nm

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

Not more than 0.2 %

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

6,6-oxybis (2-naphthalene sulfonic Not more than 1,0 % acid) disodium salt

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

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

Not more than 3 mg/kg Arsenic 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

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

E 131 PATENT BLUE V				
Synonyms	CI Food Blue 5			
Definition	Patent Blue V consists essentially of the calcium or sodium compound of [4-(α-(4-diethylaminophenyl)-5-hydroxy-2,4-disulfophenyl-methylidene)2,5-cyclohexadien-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-( <i>a</i> -(4-diethy-laminophenyl)-5-hydroxy-2,4-disulfophenyl-methylidene) 2,5-cyclohexadien-1-ylidene] diethyl-ammonium hydroxide inner salt			
Chemical formula	Calcium compound: C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>31</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Ca <sub>1/2</sub>			
	Sodium compound: $C_{27}H_{31}N_2O_7S_2Na$			
Molecular weight	Calcium compound: 579,72			
	Sodium compound: 582,67			
Assay	Content not less than 85 % total colouring matters, calculated as the sodium salt			
	$E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}} 2000 \text{ at ca } 638 \text{ nm in aqueous solution at pH 5}$			
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	Not more than 2,0 %			
Organic compounds other than colouring matters:				
3-hydroxy benzaldehyde				
3-hydroxy benzoic acid				
3-hydroxy-4-sulfobenzoic acid	Total not more than 0,5 %			
N,N-diethylamino benzene sulfonic acid				
Leuco base	Not more than 4,0 %			
Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines	Not more than 0,01 % (calculated as aniline)			
Ether extractable matter	From a solution of pH 5 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			

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 40 mg/kg

#### E 132 INDIGOTINE, INDIGO CARMINE

Definition Indigotine consists essentially of a mixture of disodium

3,3'dioxo-2,2'-bi-indolylidene-5,5'-disulfonate, 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

212-728-8

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

Chemical formula C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S,

Molecular weight 466,36

Assay Content not less than 85 % total colouring matters,

calculated as the sodium salt:

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

nate: not more than 18 %

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

Description Dark-blue powder or granules

Identification

A. Spectrometry Maximum in water at ca 610 nm

B. Blue solution in water

Purity

Water insoluble matter Not more than 0,2 %

Excluding disodium 3,3'-dioxo-2,2'-bi-indolylidene-Subsidiary colouring matters

5,7'-disulfonate: not more than 1,0 %

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

Not more than 0,2 % under neutral conditions

Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

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

Total not more than 0,5 %

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

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

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

# E 133 BRILLIANT BLUE FCF

CI Food Blue 2 **Synonyms** 

**Definition** Brilliant Blue FCF consists essentially of disodium α-(4-(N-ethyl-3-sulfonatobenzylamino) phenyl)- $\alpha$ -(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.

Class Triarylmethane

Colour Index No 42090

Einecs 223-339-8

Chemical names  $\alpha$ -(4-(N-ethyl-3-sulfonatobenzylamino) Disodium

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

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

Chemical formula C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub>S<sub>3</sub>

Molecular weight 792,84

Content not less than 85 % total colouring matters, Assay

calculated as the sodium salt

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

Description Reddish-blue powder or granules

Identification

Maximum in water at ca 630 nm A. Spectrometry

B. Blue solution in water

Purity

Water insoluble matter Not more than 0,2 % Not more than 6,0 % Subsidiary colouring matters

Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

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

Leuco base

sulfonic acids

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

Unsulfonated primary aromatic

amines

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 40 mg/kg

Ether extractable matter Not more than 0,2 % at pH 7 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

E 140 (i) CHLOROPHYLLS

Heavy metals (as Pb)

**Synonyms** CI Natural Green 3, Magnesium Chlorophyll, Magnesium Phaeophytin

Chlorophylls are obtained by solvent extraction of Definition 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 Porphyrin

Colour Index No 75810

Einecs Chlorophylls: 215-800-7, chlorophyll a: 207-536-6,

Chlorophyll b: 208-272-4

Chemical names The major colouring principles are:

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

Phytyl (13<sup>2</sup>*R*,17*S*,18*S*)-3-(8-ethyl-7-formyl-13<sup>2</sup>-methoxycarbonyl-2,12,18-trimethyl-13'-oxo-3-vinyl-13<sup>1</sup>-13<sup>2</sup>-17,18-tetrahydrocyclopenta[at]-porphyrin-17-yl)propionate, (Pheophytin b), or as the magnesium complex (Chlorophyll b)

Chemical formula Chlorophyll a (magnesium complex): C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>72</sub>MgN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

Chlorophyll a: C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>74</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

Chlorophyll b (magnesium complex): C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>70</sub>MgN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

Chlorophyll b: C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>72</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

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

magnesium

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 combi-

nation

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

Not more than 1 mg/kg

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

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assav

Description Identification

Spectrometry

Purity

Solvent residues

Arsenic Lead

Cadmium Heavy metals (as Pb)

Mercury

Porphyrin

75815

287-483-3

The major colouring principles in their acid forms are:

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

and

3-(10-carboxylato-4-ethyl-3-formyl-1,5,8-trimethyl-9-oxo-2-vinylphorbin-7-yl)propionate phyllin 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): C34H34N4O5 Chlorophyllin b (acid form): C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

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

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

Content of total chlorophyllins is not less than 95 % of the sample dried at ca 100 °C for 1 hour.

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$  700 at ca 405 nm in aqueous solution at pH 9 E<sub>1 cm</sub> 140 at ca 653 nm in aqueous solution at pH 9

Dark green to blue/black powder

Maximum in aqueous phosphate buffer at pH 9 at ca 405 nm and at ca 653 nm

Acetone

Methyl ethyl ketone

Methanol Ethanol

Propan-2-ol Hexane

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 Not more than 50 mg/ kg, singly or in combi-

#### 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 (13<sup>2</sup>*R*,17*S*,18*S*)-3-(8-ethyl-13<sup>2</sup>-methoxycar-

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

nate] copper (II) (Copper Chlorophyll a)

[Phytyl (13<sup>2</sup>*R*,17*S*,18*S*)-3-(8-ethyl-7-formyl-13<sup>2</sup>-methoxycarbonyl-2,12,18-trimethyl-13'-oxo-3-vinyl-13<sup>1</sup>-13<sup>2</sup>-17,18-tetrahydrocyclopenta[at]-porphyrin-17-yl)propionate] copper (II) (Copper chlorophyll b)

Chemical formula Copper chlorophyll a:  $C_{55}H_{72}Cu\ N_4O_5$ 

Copper chlorophyll b:  $C_{55}H_{70}Cu\ N_4O_6$ 

Molecular weight Copper chlorophyll a: 932,75

Copper chlorophyll b: 946,73

Assay Content of total copper chlorophylls is not less than

10 %.

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}}$  540 at ca 422 nm in chloroform  $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}}$  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

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

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

Synonyms Sodium Copper Chlorophyllin, Potassium Copper Chlorophyllin, 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-2-vinylphorbin-7-yl)propionate, copper complex (Copper chlorophyllin a)

and

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):  $C_{34}H_{32}Cu N_4O_5$  Copper chlorophyllin b (acid form):  $C_{44}H_{40}Cu N_4O_5$ 

Molecular weight Copper chlorophyllin a: 640,20 Copper chlorophyllin b: 654,18

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

Content of total copper chlorophyllins is not less than

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

 $E_{1\,\mathrm{cm}}^{1\,\,\%}$  565 at ca 405 nm in aqueous phosphate buffer at pH 7,5

 $E_{1\ cm}^{1\ \%}$  145 at ca 630 nm in aqueous phosphate buffer at pH 7,5

**Description** Dark green to blue/black powder

Identification

Assay

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

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

# **▼**<u>B</u>

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 chlorophyllins

#### E 142 GREEN S

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

**Definition** Green S consists essentially of sodium N-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl] 2-hydroxy-3,6-disulfo-1-

naphthalenyl)methylene]-2,5-cyclohexadien-1ylidene]-N-methylmethanaminium and 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

Colour Index No 44090

221-409-2 Sodium N-[4-[[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl](2-hydroxy-Chemical names

3,6-disulfo-1-naphthalenyl)-methylene]2,5-cyclohexa-

dien-1-ylidene]-N-methylmethanaminium;

Sodium 5-[4-dimethylamino- $\alpha$ -(4-dimethyliminocyclohexa-2,5-dienylidene) benzyl]-6-hydroxy-7-sulfonatonaphthalene-2-sulfonate (alternative chemical name).

Chemical formula C,H,SNaO,S,

Molecular weight 576,63

Content not less than 80 % total colouring matters Assay

calculated as the sodium salt

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

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

Description Dark blue or dark green powder or granules

Identification

Einecs

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 Not more than 0,1 %

alcohol

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

Not more than 0,2 % 3-hydroxynaphthalene-2,7-disulfonic

acid

Not more than 5,0 % Leuco base

Unsulfonated primary aromatic

amines

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

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

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). 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 %

Not more than 0,2 %

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 2 mg/kg

Mercury

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 2 mg/kg

# E 150b CAUSTIC SULPHITE CARAMEL

Definition

Caustic sulphite caramel is prepared by the controlled heat treatment of carbohydrates (commercially avail-

able 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.

Einecs 232-435-9

**Description** Dark brown to black liquids or solids

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Purity

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 %

Absorbance ratio of colour bound by

DEAE cellulose

Absorbance ratio Greater than 50

(A 280/560)

Arsenic Not more than 1 mg/kg

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

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

 $<sup>^{(1)}</sup>$  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 150c AMMONIA CARAMEL

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 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

4-methylimidazole

2-acetyl-4-tetrahydroxy-butylimidazole

Total sulphur

Not more than 0,3 % (²)

Not more than 250 mg/kg (²)

Not more than 10 mg/kg (²)

Not more than 0,2 % (²)

Total nitrogen 0,7—3,3 % (²)
Absorbance ratio of colour bound by 13—35

Absorbance ratio of colour bound by 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
Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 25 mg/kg

#### 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, ammonium hydroxide, ammonium carbonate, ammonium hydrogen carbonate, ammonium phosphate, ammonium sulphate, ammonium sulphite and ammonium hydrogen sulphite).

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

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

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

232-435-9 Einecs

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

Absorbance ratio of alcohol precipi-

tate (3)

8-14

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

# 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-sulfonato-

phenylazo)-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 28440 Colour Index No 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<sub>28</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub>Na<sub>4</sub>O<sub>14</sub>S<sub>4</sub>

Molecular weight 867,69

Content not less than 80 % total colouring matters Assay

calculated as the sodium salt

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$  530 at ca 570 nm in solution

Description Black powder or granules

Identification

A. Spectrometry Maximum in water at ca 570 nm

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.

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

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).

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)

Cadmium

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic Lead Mercury

Heavy metals (as Pb)

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 Vegetable black

**Definition** 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.

Colour Index No 77266

Einecs 215-609-9

Chemical names Carbon

Chemical formula C

Molecular weight 12,01

Assay Content not less than 95 % of carbon calculated on an

anhydrous and ash-free basis

**Description** Black powder, odourless and tasteless

Identification

A. Solubility Insoluble in water and organic solvents

B. Burning When heated to redness it burns slowly without a flame

Purity

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

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

Polyaromatic hydrocarbons

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

Loss on drying

Not more than 12 % (120 °C, 4 hrs)

Alkali soluble matter

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

#### E 154 BROWN FK

# Synonyms

#### CI Food Brown 1

Definition

Brown FK consists essentially of 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-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)

Class

Einecs

Chemical names

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-phenylenebisazo)di (benzenesulfonate)
- VI trisodium 4,4',4"-(2,4-diaminobenzene-1,3,5-trisa-zo)tri-(benzenesulfonate)

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

 $I C_{12}H_{11}N_4NaO_3S$ 

II C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>4</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>S

III  $C_{18}H_{14}N_6Na_2O_6S_2$ 

IV C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>6</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub>

V C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>6</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub>

VI C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>8</sub>Na<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>S<sub>3</sub>

I 314,30

II 328,33

III 520,46

IV 520,46

V 534,47

VI 726,59

Assay

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:

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

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

methyl-m-phenylene diamine

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 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 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.

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

Brown HT is described as the sodium salt. The calcium

and potassium salt are also permitted.

Class Bisazo

Colour Index No 20285 224-924-0 Einecs

Chemical names 4,4'-(2,4-dihydroxy-5-hydroxymethyl-1,3-

phenylene bisazo)di (naphthalene-1-sulfonate)

Chemical formula C27H18N4Na2O9S2

Molecular weight 652.57

Assay Content not less than 70 % total colouring matters

calculated 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

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#### **Purity**

Water insoluble matter

Subsidiary colouring matters

Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

4-aminonaphthalene-1-sulfonic acid

Unsulfonated primary aromatic

amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic

Lead Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Not more than 0.2 %

Not more than 10 % (TLCmethod)

Not more than 0,7 %

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

Not more than 0,2 % in a solution of 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

#### **▼**M2

### E 160 a (i) MIXED CAROTENES

#### 1. Plant carotenes

Synonyms

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

The main colouring principle consists of carotenoids of which  $\beta$ -carotene accountes for the major part.  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$ 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

Class Carotenoid

75130 Colour index No

Einecs 230-636-6

Chemical formula  $\beta$ -carotene:  $C_{40}H_{56}$ Molecular weight  $\beta$ -carotene: 536,88

Assay Content of carotenes (calculated as  $\beta$ -carotene) is not less than 5 %. For products obtained by extraction of

vegetables oils: not less than 0,2 % in edible fats

E  $^{1}_{1 \text{ cm}}$  2 500 at approximately 440 nm to 457 nm in

cyclohexane

# Identification

Maximum in cyclohexane at 440 nm to 457 nm and A. Spectrometry 470 nm to 486 nm

Purity

Solvent residues

Acetone

Methyl ethyl ketone

Methanol

Propan-2-ol

Hexane

Ethanol

Dichloromethane Not more than 10 mg/kg

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

# **▼**<u>M2</u>

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg

Lead Not more than 5 mg/kg

Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg

Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg

2. Algal carotenes

Synonyms CI food orange 5

DefinitionMixed carotenes may also be produced from natural<br/>strains of the algae Dunaliella salina, grown in large<br/>saline lakes located in Whyalla, South Australia. β-<br/>carotene is extracted using an essential oil. The

preparation is a 20 to 30 % suspension in edible oil. The ratio of trans-cis isomers is in the range of 50/50 to

71/29

The main colouring principle consists of carotenoids of which  $\beta$ -carotene accounts for the major part.  $\alpha$ -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

Chemical formula  $\beta$ -Carotene:  $C_{40}H_{56}$ Molecular weight  $\beta$ -Carotene: 536,88

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

less than 20 %

E  $^{1\,\%}_{1\,\varsigma m}$  2 500 at approximately by 440 nm to 457 nm in

cyclohexane

Identification

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

474 nm to 486 nm

Purity

Natural tocopherols in edible oil

Arsenic

Not more than 0,3 %

Not more than 3 mg/kg

Not more than 5 mg/kg

Mercury

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

# E 160 a (ii) BETA-CAROTENE

# 1. Beta-carotene

Synonyms CI food orange 5

**Definition**These specifications apply predominantly to all trans

isomer of  $\beta$ -carotene together with minor amounts of other carotenoids. Diluted and stabilised preparations

may have different trans-cis isomer ratios

Class Carotenoid
Colour index No 40800

Einecs 230-636-6

Chemical names  $\beta$ -carotene,  $\beta$ , $\beta$ -carotene

<sup>(\*)</sup> Benzene not more than 0,05 % v/v.

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Assay Not less than 96 % total colouring matters (expressed as β-carotene)

E  $_{1~\mathrm{cm}}^{1~\%}$  2 500 at approximately by 440 nm to 457 nm in

cyclohexane

**Description** Red to brownish-red crystals or crystalline powder

Identification

A. Spectrometry Maximum in cyclohexane at 453 nm to 456 nm

Purity

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,2 %

Subsidiary colouring matters Carotenoids other than  $\beta$ -carotene: not more than 3,0 %

of total colouring matters

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg

Lead Not more than 5 mg/kg

Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg

Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg

2. Beta-carotene from Blakeslea trispora

Synonyms CI food orange 5

**Definition** Obtained by a fermentation process using a mixed

culture of the two sexual mating types (+) and (–) of natural strains of the fungus *Blakeslea trispora*. The  $\beta$ -carotene is extracted from the biomass with ethyl acetate and crystallised. The crystallised product consists mainly of trans  $\beta$ -carotene. Because of the natural process approximately 3 % of the product consists of mixed carotenoids, which is specific for the

product

Class Carotenoid

Colour Index No 40800
Einecs 230-636-6

Chemical names  $\beta$ -carotene,  $\beta$ , $\beta$ -carotene

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

Assay Not less than 96 % total colouring matters (expressed

as β-carotene)

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}} 2500$  at approximately 440 nm to 457 nm in

cyclohexane

**Description** Red to brownish-red crystals or crystalline powder

Identification

A. Spectrometry Maximum in cyclohexane at 453 nm to 456 nm

Purity

Solvent residues

Ethyl acetate

Not more than 0,8 %, singly or in combina-

Ethanol

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,2 %

Subsidiary colouring matters Carotenoids other than  $\beta$ -carotene: not more than 3,0 %

of total colouring matters

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg
Lead Not more than 5 mg/kg
Mercury Not more than 1 mg/kg
Cadmium Not more than 1 mg/kg

Aflatoxin B1 Absent

Mycotoxins:

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T2
Ochratoxin
Zearalenone

Absent

Microbiology:

Moulds Not more than 100/g
Yeasts Not more than 100/g

Salmonella Absent in 25 g
Escherichia coli Absent in 5 g

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# E 160b ANNATTO, BIXIN, NORBIXIN

Synonyms CI Natural Orange 4

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'-diapocaro-

tene-6,6'-dioate

6'-Methylhydrogen-9'-trans-6,6'-diapocaro-

tene-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:  $C_{25}H_{30}O_4$ 

Norbixin:  $C_{24}H_{28}O_4$ Bixin: 394,51

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 solvent

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.

Assav

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

 $E_{1~cm}^{1~\%}~2~870$  at ca 502 nm in chloroform Bixin:

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}} 2870 \text{ at ca } 482 \text{ nm in KOH}$ Norbixin:

Purity

Solvent residues

Acetone Methanol

not more than 50 mg/kg, singly

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

(ii) Alkali extracted annatto

Heavy metals (as Pb)

**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

Not more than 40 mg/kg

Not more than 40 mg/kg

 $E_{1\ cm}^{1\ \%}$  2 870 at ca 482 nm in KOH 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

(iii) Oil extracted annatto

Heavy metals (as Pb)

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.

Contains not less than 0,1 % of total carotenoids expressed as bixin

Bixin:

 $E_{1~cm}^{1~\%}~2~870$  at ca 502 nm in chloroform

**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

Not more than 1 mg/kg

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, dichlor-

omethane, 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-caro-

tene-6-one

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

carotene-6,6'-dione

Chemical formula Capsanthin:  $C_{40}H_{56}O_3$ 

Capsorubin: C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>56</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

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

carotenoids

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$  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

Acetone

Hexane

Dichloromethan: not more than 10 mg/kg

Capsaicin

Arsenic

Not more than 250 mg/kg

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

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

#### E 160d LYCOPENE

Synonyms Natural Yellow 27

**Definition** Lycopene is obtained by solvent extraction of the

natural strains of red tomatoes (*Lycopersicon esculentum* 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 Carotenoid

Colour Index No 75125

Chemical names Lycopene, Lycopene, ψ,ψ-carotene

Chemical formula  $C_{40}H_{56}$ Molecular weight 536,85

Assay  $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}} 3450 \text{ at ca } 472 \text{ nm in hexane}$ 

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}}$  3 450 at ca 472 nm in hexane

**Description** Dark red viscous liquid

Identification

Spectrometry Maximum in hexane at ca 472 nm

Purity

Solvent residues Ethyl acetate

Methanol

Ethanol 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

Not more than 0,1 %

Not more than 3 mg/kg

Not more than 10 mg/kg

Mercury

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

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  $\beta$ -apo-8'-carotenal together with minor amounts of other carotenoids. Diluted and stabilized forms are prepared from  $\beta$ -apo-8'-carotenal meeting these specifications and include solutions or suspensions of  $\beta$ -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

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

Assay Not less than 96 % of total colouring matters

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}} 2640 \text{ at } 460\text{---}462 \text{ nm in cyclohexane}$ 

**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'-carotenoic ester

**Definition**These specifications apply to predominantly all trans

isomer of  $\beta$ -apo-8'-carotenoic acid ethyl ester together with minor amounts of other carotenoids. Diluted and stabilized forms are prepared from  $\beta$ -apo-8'-carotenoic acid ethyl ester meeting these specifications and include solutions or suspensions of  $\beta$ -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

Chemical formula  $C_{32}H_{44}O_2$ Molecular weight 460,70

Assay Not less than 96 % of total colouring matters

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}}$  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 β-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

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Mercury

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 10 mg/kg

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

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

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

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 161g CANTHAXANTHIN

Synonyms CI Food Orange 8

**Definition** These specification

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.

Class Carotinoid

 Colour Index No
 40850

 Einecs
 208-187-2

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

carotene

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

Spectrometry Maximum in chloroform at ca 485 nm

Maximum in cyclohexane at 468—472 nm Maximum in petroleum ether at 464—467 nm

Purity

Definition

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 Beet Red

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  $(S-(R',R')-4-(2-(2-Carboxy-5(\beta-D-glucopyranosyloxy)-2,3-dihydro-6-hydroxy-1H-indol-1-yl)ethenyl)-2,3-$ 

dihydro-2,6-pyridine-dicarboxylic acid; 1-(2-(2,6-dicarboxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-4-pyridylidene)ethylidene)-5- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-6-hydroxyindolium-2-carbox-

ylate

Chemical formula Betanin: C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>13</sub>

Molecular weight 550,48

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

than 0,4 %

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}}$  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

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

calculated from assay).

Not more than 40 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

#### E 163 ANTHOCYANINS

Chemical formula

Heavy metals (as Pb)

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 chloride

(peonidin)

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

chloride (malvidin)

3,5,7-Trihydroxy-2-(3,4,5,trihydroxyphenyl)-1-benzo-

pyrylium chloride (delphinidin)

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

(petunidin)

Cyanidin:

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

lium chloride (pelargonidin)

C15H11O6Cl Peonidin: C, H, O, C1 Malvidin: C,,H,,O,C1 Delphinidin: C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Cl Petunidin: C16H13O7Cl Pelargonidin: C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Cl

322,6 Molecular weight Cyanidin:

Peonidin: 336,7 Malvidin: 366,7 Delphinidin: 340,6 Petunidin: 352,7 Pelargonidin: 306,7

Assay  $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ %}} 300 \text{ for the pure pigment at } 515-535 \text{ nm at pH } 3,0$ 

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

characteristic odour

Identification

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

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

**Purity** 

Solvent residues Methanol Not more than 50 mg/kg,

Ethanol singly or in combination

Sulfur dioxide Not more than 1 000 mg/kg per percent pigment

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 170 CALCIUM CARBONATE

Synonyms CI Pigment White 18, Chalk

**Definition** Calcium carbonate is the product obtained from ground

limestone or by the precipitation of calcium ions with

carbonate ions.

Class Inorganic
Colour Index No 77220

Einecs Calcium carbonate: 207-439-9

Limestone: 215-279-6

Chemical names Calcium carbonate

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

Magnesium and alkali salts

Not more than 0,2 %

Not more than 1,5 %

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

E 171 TITANIUM DIOXIDE

Synonyms CI Pigment White 6

**Definition** Titanium Dioxide consists essentially of pure anatase

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

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

technological properties of the product.

Class Inorganic

Colour Index No 77891

Einecs 236-675-5

Chemical names Titanium dioxide

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Chemical formula} & \text{TiO}_2 \\ \text{Molecular weight} & 79,88 \end{array}$ 

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

(800 °C)

Aluminium oxide and/or silicon dioxide | Total not more than 2,0 %

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

Not more than 10 mg/kg by total dissolution

Mercury

Not more than 1 mg/kg by total dissolution

Zink 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 synthetically 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: Iron Oxide Black: 77499

Einecs Iron Oxide Yellow: 257-098-5

> Iron Oxide Red: 215-168-2 Iron Oxide Black: 235-442-5

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: Fe,O, Iron Oxide Black: FeO.Fe,O,

Molecular weight 88,85: FeO(OH)

> 159,70: Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 231,55: FeO.Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

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 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 By total dissolution

#### E 173 ALUMINIUM

CI Pigment Metal, Al Synonyms

**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

Synonyms Argentum, Ag
Class Inorganic
Colour Index No 77820
Einecs 231-131-3
Chemical names Silver

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 %
Copper Not more than 4 %

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-sulfonatophenylazo)-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 Not more than 0,4 %

acid, calcium salt

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