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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

# COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 95/45/EC

of 26 July 1995

laying down specific purity criteria concerning colours for use in foodstuffs

(Text with EEA relevance)

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.

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.

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

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 237, 10. 9. 1994, p. 1. (3) 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.

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.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1995.

For the Commission
Martin BANGEMANN
Member of the Commission

# **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

Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

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.

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<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

II C20H18O5

III C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

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

Content not less than 90 % total colouring matters

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

Orange-yellow crystalline powder

Description

Identification
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A. Spectrometry

B. Melting Range

Maximum in ethanol at ca 426 nm

179-182 °C

Purity

Solvent residues

Ethylacetate Acetone n-butanol Methanol Ethanol

Hexane

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

Dichloromethane: not more than 10 mg/kg

Arsenic Lead Mercury Cadmium Heavy Metals (as Pb) 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 101 (i) RIBOFLAVIN

**Synonyms** 

Class

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

Description

Lactoflavin

Isoalloxazine

201-507-1

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

 $C_{17}H_{20}N_4O_6$ 

376,37

Content not less than 98 % on the anhydrous basis

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

Yellow to orange-yellow crystalline powder, with slight odour

Identification

A. Spectrometry

The ratio A<sub>375</sub>/A<sub>267</sub> is between

0,31 and 0,33

The ratio A<sub>444</sub>/A<sub>267</sub> is between

0,36 and 0,39

in aqueous solution

Maximum in water at ca 375 nm

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  between -115° and -140° in a 0,05 N sodium hydroxide solution

B. Specific rotation

Purity

Loss on drying

Sulfated ash

Primary aromatic amines

Arsenic

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

Not more than 0,1%

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

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

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 101 (ii) RIBOFLAVIN-5'-PHOSPHATE

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

Description

Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Specific rotation

Purity

Loss on drying

Sulfated ash

Inorganic phosphate

Subsidiary colouring matters

Primary aromatic amines

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Riboflavin-5'-phosphate sodium

These specifications apply to riboflavin 5'-phosphate together with minor

amounts of free riboflavin and riboflavin diphosphate

Isoalloxazine

204-988-6

Monosodium

(2R,3R,4S)-5-(3')10'-dihydro-7',8'-dimethyl-2',4'-dioxo-10'benzo[γ]pteridinyl)-2,3,4-trihydroxypentyl phosphate; monosodium salt of 5'-monophosphate ester of riboflavin

For the dihydrate form:

 $C_{17}H_{20}N_4NaO_9P.2H_2O$ 

For the anhydrous form:

C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>NaO<sub>9</sub>P

541,36

Content not less than 95% total colouring matters calculated as

 $C_{17}H_{20}N_4NaO_9P.2H_2O$ 

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

Yellow to orange crystalline hygroscopic powder, with slight odour and a

bitter taste

The ratio  $A_{375}/A_{267}$  is between

0,30 and 0,34

The ratio  $A_{444}/A_{267}$  is between

0,35 and 0,40

in aqueous solution

Maximum in water at ca 375 nm

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  between +38° and +42° in a 5 molar HCI solution

Not more than 8% (100 °C, 5 hrs in vacuum over P2O5) for the dihydrate

Not more than 25%

Not more than 1,0% (calculated as PO<sub>4</sub> on the anhydrous basis)

Riboflavin (free):

Not more than 6%

Riboflavine diphosphate: Not more than 6 % Not more than 70 mg/kg (calculated as aniline)

Not more than 3 mg/kg

Not more than 10 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

# E 102 TARTRAZINE

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

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-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)

CI Food Yellow 4

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.

Monoazo

19140

217-699-5

Trisodium-5-hydroxy-1-(4-sulfonatophenyl)-4-(4-sulfonatophenylazo)-H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate

 $C_{16}H_9N_4Na_3O_9S_2$ 

534,37

Content not less than  $85\,\%$  total colouring matters calculated as the sodium salt

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

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

# E 104 QUINOLINE YELLOW

# Synonyms

#### Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical name

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

# Description

# Identification

- A. Spectrometry
- B. Yellow solution in water

# **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)

# 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.

Quinophthalone

47005

305-897-5

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

C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (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

Yellow powder or granules

Maximum in aqueous acetic acid solution of pH 5 at ca 411 nm

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

# E 110 SUNSET YELLOW FCF

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

Description

Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Orange solution in water

Purity

Water insoluble matter

Subsidiary colouring matters

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)

CI Food Yellow 3, Orange Yellow S

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 uncoloured components.

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

Monoazo

15985

220-491-7

Disodium 2-hydroxy-1-(4-sulfonatophenylazo) naphthalene-6-sulfonate

 $C_{16}H_{10}N_2Na_2O_7S_2$ 

452,37

Content not less than 85% total colouring matters 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

Maximum in water at ca 485 nm at pH 7

Not more than 0,2%

Not more than 5,0%

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

# E 120 COCHINEAL, CARMINIC ACID, CARMINES

# Definition

Class

**Einecs** 

Assay

Description

Identification

Spectrometry

Colour Index No

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

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

75470

Cochineal: 215-680-6; carminic acid: 215-023-3; carmines: 215-724-4

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

C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>13</sub> (carminic acid)

492,39 (carminic acid)

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

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

Maximum in aqueous ammonia solution at ca 518 nm

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

Purity

Arsenic

Lead Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

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 122 AZORUBINE, CARMOISINE

# Synonyms

Definition

# 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.

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Colour Index No

**Einecs** 

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 acid

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Monoazo

14720

222-657-4

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

 $C_{20}H_{12}N_2Na_2O_7S_2$ 

502,44

Content not less than 85% total colouring matters, calculated as the sodium

alt

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

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical name

Chemical formula

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

16185

213-022-2

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

disulfonate

 $C_{20}H_{11}N_2Na_3O_{10}S_3\\$ 

Molecular weight	Mol	ecu	lar	weight
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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

3-hydroxynaphthalene-2,7-disulfonic acid

6-hydroxynaphthalene-2-sulfonic acid

7-hydroxynaphthalene-1,3-disulfonic acid

7-hydroxynaphthalene-1,3-6-trisulfonic acid

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

# 604,48

Content not less than  $85\,\%$  total colouring matters, calculated as the sodium salt

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

Reddish-brown powder or granules

Maximum in water at ca 520 nm

Not more than 0,2%

Not more than 3,0%

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 124 PONCEAU 4R, COCHINEAL RED A

# Synonyms

# **Definition**

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical name

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

# CI Food Red 7, New Coccine

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

220-036-2

Trisodium 2-hydroxy-1-(4-sulfonato-1-naphthylazo) naphthalene-6,8-disulfonate

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

604,48

Content not less than 80% total colouring matters, calculated as the sodium

E<sub>1 cm</sub> 430 at ca 505 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:

4-aminonaphthalene-1-sulfonic acid

7-hydroxynaphthalene-1,3-disulfonic acid

3-hydroxynaphthalene-2,7-disulfonic acid

6-hydroxynaphthalene-2-sulfonic acid 7-hydroxynaphthalene-1,3-6-trisulfonic 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

# Description

# Identification

- A. Spectrometry
- B. Red solution in water

# CI Food Red 14

Erythrosine consists essentially of disodium 2-(2,4,5,7-tetraiodo-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.

Xanthene

45430

240-474-8

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

monohydrate

 $C_{20}H_6I_4Na_2O_5.H_2O$ 

897,88

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

anhydrous sodium salt

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \%}$  1 100 at ca 526 nm in aqueous solution at pH7

Red powder or granules.

Maximum in water at ca 526 nm at pH7

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Inorganic iodides calculated as sodium iodide

Water insoluble matter

Subsidiary colouring matters (except

fluorescein)

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 0,1%

Not more than 0,2%

Not more than 4,0 %

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

CI Food Red 10, Azogeranine

Red 2G consists essentially of disodium 8-acetamido-1-hydroxy-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.

Monoazo

18050

223-098-9

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

 $C_{18}H_{13}N_3Na_2O_8S_2$ 

509,43

Content not less than 80% total colouring matters, calculated as the sodium

salt

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

Red powder or granules

Identification

Description

A. Spectrometry

B. Red solution in water

Maximum in water at ca 532 nm

# 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-2,7-disulfonic acid

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

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

# **Synonyms**

## Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical name

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

CI Food Red 17

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.

Monoazo

16035

247-368-0

Disodium 2-hydroxy-1-(2-methoxy-5-methyl-4-sulfonatophenylazo)

naphthalene-6-sulfonate

 $C_{18}H_{14}N_2Na_2O_8S_2\\$ 

496,42

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

Dark red powder or granules

# Description Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Red solution in water

# Maximum in water at ca 504 nm

# Purity

Water insoluble matter

Subsidiary colouring matters

Not more than 0,2%

Not more than 3,0%

Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

6-hydroxy-2-naphthalene sulfonic 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

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Not more than 0,3%

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 %

Not more than 3 mg/kh

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 131 PATENT BLUE V

## Synonyms

# Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

# Description

# Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Blue solution in water

# **Purity**

Water insoluble matter

Subsidiary colouring matters

# CI Food Blue 5

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.

Triarylmethane

42051

222-573-8

The calcium or sodium compound of [4-( $\alpha$ -(4-diethylaminophenyl)-5-hydroxy-2,4-disulfophenyl-methylidene) 2,5-cyclohexadien-1-ylidene] diethyl-ammonium hydroxide inner salt

Calcium compound:  $C_{27}H_{31}N_2O_7S_2Ca_{1/2}$ Sodium compound:  $C_{27}H_{31}N_2O_7S_2Na$ 

Calcium compound: 579,72 Sodium compound: 582,67

Content not less than 85% total colouring matters, calculated as the sodium salt

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \%} 2\ 000 \text{ at ca } 638 \text{ nm in aqueous solution at pH } 5$ 

Dark-blue powder or granules

Maximum in water at 638 nm at pH 5

Not more than 0,2 %

Not more than 2,0%

Organic compounds other than colouring

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

# Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

# CI Food Blue 1

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.

Indigoid

73015

212-728-8

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

 $C_{16}H_8N_2Na_2O_8S_2$ 

466,36

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

# Description

# Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Blue solution in water

# Purity

Water insoluble matter

Subsidiary colouring matters

Maximum in water at ca 610 nm

Not more than 0,2%

Excluding disodium 3,3'-dioxo-2,2'-bi-indolylidene-5,7'-disulfonate: not more than 1,0 %

Organic compounds other than colouring

Isatin-5-sulfonic acid 5-sulfoanthranilic acid Anthranilic 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 133 BRILLIANT BLUE FCF

# Synonyms

# Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

# CI Food Blue 2

Brilliant Blue FCF consists essentially of disodium  $\alpha$ -(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.

Triarylmethane

42090

223-339-8

Disodium  $\alpha$ -(4-(N-ethyl-3-sulfonatobenzylamino) phenyl)- $\alpha$ -(4-N-ethyl-3-sulfonatobenzylamino) cyclohexa-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

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

Reddish-blue powder or granules

# Description

# Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Blue solution in water

# Purity

Water insoluble matter

Subsidiary colouring matters

Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

Sum of 2-, 3- and 4-formyl benzene sulfonic acids 3-((ethyl)(4-sulfophenyl) amino) methyl benzene sulfonic acid Maximum in water at ca 630 nm

Not more than 0,2 %

Not more than 6,0%

Not more than 1,5%

Not more than 0,3%

Leuco base

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

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

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

Description

Identification

Spectrometry

CI Natural Green 3, Magnesium Chlorophyll, Magnesium Phaeophytin

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.

Porphyrin

75810

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

The major colouring principles are:

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

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

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: C55H72N4O6

Chlorophyll a (magnesium complex): 893,51

Chlorophyll a: 871,22

Chlorophyll b (magnesium complex): 907,49

Chlorophyll b: 885,20

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

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

Waxy solid ranging in colour from olive green to dark green depending on the

content of co-ordinated magnesium

Maximum in chloroform at ca 409 nm

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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

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

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 (ii) CHLOROPHYLLINS

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

CI Natural Green 5, Sodium Chlorophyllin, Potassium Chlorophyllin

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.

Porphyrin

75815

287-483-3

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):  $C_{34}H_{32}N_4O_6$ 

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  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 1 hour.

 $E_{1~cm}^{\,1\,\%}$  700 at ca 405 nm in aqueous solution at pH 9

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

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Dark green to blue/black powder

Identification

Spectrometry

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

**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

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (als Pb)

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 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

Colour Index No

Porphyrin

Einecs

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Chemical names

Copper chlorophyll a: 239-830-5; copper chlorophyll b: 246-020-5

 $[Phytyl\ (13^2R,17\underline{\S},18\underline{\S})-3-(8-ethyl-13^2-methoxycarbonyl-2,7,12,18-tetramethyl-13'-oxo-3-vinyl-13^1-13^2-17,18-tetrahydrocyclopenta[at]-porphyrin-17-$ 

yl)propionate] copper (II) (Copper Chlorophyll a)

[Phytyl (13<sup>2</sup>R,17<u>S</u>,18<u>S</u>)-3-(8-ethyl-7-formyl-13<sup>2</sup>-methoxycarbonyl-2,12,18trimethyl-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: 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<sub>1 cm</sub><sup>1 %</sup> 540 at ca 422 nm in chloroform

E<sub>1 cm</sub><sup>1 %</sup> 300 at ca 652 nm in chloroform

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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

Lead

Mercury Cadmium

Copper ions

Total copper

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 200 mg/kg

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

# E 141 (ii) COPPER COMPLEXES OF CHLOROPHYLLINS

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

Sodium Copper Chlorophyllin, Potassium Copper Chlorophyllin, CI Natural Green 5

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.

Porphyrin

75815

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

 $3\hbox{-}(10\hbox{-}Carboxylato\hbox{-}4\hbox{-}ethyl\hbox{-}3\hbox{-}formyl\hbox{-}1,5,8\hbox{-}trimethyl\hbox{-}9\hbox{-}oxo\hbox{-}2\hbox{-}vinylphorbin\hbox{-}7\hbox{-}yl)}$ 

propionate, copper complex (Copper chlorophyllin b)

Copper chlorophyllin a (acid form):  $C_{34}H_{32}Cu\ N_4O_5$ 

Copper chlorophyllin b (acid form): C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>30</sub>Cu N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

Cópper 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  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 1 h.

E<sub>1 cm</sub> 565 at ca 405 nm in aqueous phosphate buffer at pH 7,5

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

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Dark green to blue/black powder

Identification

Spectrometry

Maximum in aqueous phosphate buffer at pH 7,5 at ca 405 nm and at

630 nn

Purity

Solvent residues

Acetone Methyl ethyl ketone

Methanol Ethanol Propan-2-ol Hexane

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

Dichloromethane:

not more than 10 mg/kg

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Copper ions

Total copper

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 200 mg/kg

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

# E 142 GREEN S

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assav

CI Food Green 4, Brilliant Green BS

Green S consists essentially of sodium N-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl] 2-hydroxy-3,6-disulfo-1-naphthalenyl)methylene]-2,5-cyclohexadien-1-ylidene]-N-methylmethanaminium 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.

Triarylmethane

44090

221-409-2

Sodium N-[4-[[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl](2-hydroxy-3,6-disulfo-1-naphthalenyl)-methylene]2,5-cyclohexadien-1-ylidene]-N-methylmethanaminium;

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

 $C_{27}H_{25}N_2NaO_7S_2$ 

76,63

Content not less than 80% total colouring matters calculated as the sodium salt

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

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Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Blue or green solution in water

Dark blue or dark green powder or granules

Maximum in water at ca 632 nm

Purity

Water insoluble matter

Subsidiary colouring matters

Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

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

4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)-

benzophen one

3-hydroxynaphthalene-2,7-

disulfonic acid

Leuco base

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Not more than 0,2 %

Not more than 1,0%

Not more than 0,1%

Not more than 0,1%

Not more than 0,2%

Not more than 5,0%

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 150a PLAIN CARAMEL

Definition

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Description

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.

232-435-9

Dark brown to black liquids or solids

Purity

Colour bound by DEAE cellulose

Colour bound by phosphoryl cellulose

Colour intensity (1)

Total nitrogen

Not more than 50%

Not more than 50%

0,01-0,12

Not more than 0,1 %

<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.

Total sulphur

Not more than 0,2 %

Arsenic

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 2 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 2 mg/kg

Not more than 2 mg/kg

# E 150b CAUSTIC SULPHITE CARAMEL

Definition

Einecs 2

Description

Purity

Colour bound by DEAE cellulose

Colour intensity (1)

Total nitrogen
Sulphur dioxide

Total sulphur

Sulphur bound by DEAE cellulose

Absorbance ratio of colour bound by DEAE cellulose

Absorbance ratio (A 280/560)

Arsenic Lead

Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

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

Dark brown to black liquids or solids

More than 50%

0,05--0,13

Not more than 0,3 % (2)

Not more than 0,2 % (2)

0,3-3,5% (2)

More than 40%

19-34

Greater than 50

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 2 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 25 mg/kg

# E 150c AMMONIA CARAMEL

Definition

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.

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<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.

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Purity

Colour bound by DEAE cellulose

Colour bound by phosphoryl cellulose

Colour intensity (1)

Ammoniacal nitrogen

4-methylimidazole

2-acetyl-4-tetrahydroxy-butylimidazole

Total sulphur

Total nitrogen

Absorbance ratio of colour bound by

phosphoryl cellulose

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Dark brown to black liquids or solids

Not more than 50%

More than 50%

0,08-0,36

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)

0,7-3,3% (2)

13-35

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 2 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 25 mg/kg

# E 150d SULPHITE AMMONIA CARAMEL

Definition ·

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Description

Purity

Colour bound by DEAE cellulose

Colour intensity (1)

Ammoniacal nitrogen

Sulphur dioxide

4-methylimidazole

Total nitrogen

Total sulphur

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 sulphite and ammonium hydrogen sulphite).

232-435-9

Dark brown to black liquids or solids

More than 50%

0,10---0,60

Not more than 0,6 % (2)

Not more than 0,2 % (2)

Not more than 250 mg/kg (2)

0,3-1,7% (2)

0.8 - 2.5% (2)

<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.

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Nitrogen/sulphur ratio of alcohol precipitate 0,7-2,7

Absorbance ratio of alcohol precipitate (1) 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-hydroxy6-[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.

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 867,69

Assay Content not less than 80% total colouring matters calculated as the sodium

alt

Bisazo

28440

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

Description Black powder or granules

Identification

Class

Colour Index No

A. Spectrometry Maximum in water at ca 570 nm

B. Black-bluish solution in water

<sup>(1)</sup> 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).

# 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)

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

# Description

# Identification

A. Solubility

B. Burning

# Purity

Ash (Total)

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

# 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

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12,01

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

basis

Black powder, odourless and tasteless

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

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Cad	mium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Polyaromatic hydrocarbons

Loss on drying

Alkali soluble matter

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 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 colourless

## E 154 BROWN FK

# **Synonyms**

# Definition

Class

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

# 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)
- 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) 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)
- 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)
- I C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>4</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>S
- $II \quad C_{13}H_{13}N_4NaO_3S$
- III C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>6</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub>
- 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 C24H17N8Na3O9S3
- I 314,30
- II 328,33
- III 520,46
- IV 520,46
- V 534,47
- VI 726,59

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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%

17%

16%

V 20%

VI 16%

# Description

# Identification

Orange to reddish solution

# **Purity**

Water insoluble matter

Subsidiary colouring matters

Organic compounds other than colouring

4-aminobenzene-1-sulfonic acid

m-phenylenediamine and 4-methyl-m-phenylenediamine

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

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Red-brown powder or granules

Not more than 0,2 %

Not more than 3,5%

Not more than 0,7%

Not more than 0,35%

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

From a solution of pH7, 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 155 BROWN HT

# Synonyms

# Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

# CI Food Brown 3

Brown HT consists essentially of disodium 4,4'-(2,4-dihydroxy-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.

Bisazo

20285

224-924-0

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

(naphthalene-1-sulfonate)

Chem	ical	formula
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Molecular weight

Assay

 $C_{27}H_{18}N_4Na_2O_9S_2\\$ 

652,57

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

Reddish-brown powder or granules

# Description Identification

A. Spectrometry

B. Brown solution in water

Maximum in water of pH 7 at ca 460 nm

# 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

# E 160a (i) MIXED CAROTENES

# Synonyms

Definition

Class

Einecs

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 accounts 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.

Carotenoid

75130

230-636-6

Chemical names

Colour Index No

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

β-Carotene: C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>56</sub>

β-Carotene: 536,88

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$\alpha$	55	а	·V	

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

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \%} 2 500 \text{ at ca } 440-457 \text{ nm in cyclohexane}$ 

# Identification

Spectrometry

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

# Purity

Solvent residues

Acetone

Methylethylketone

Methanol

Propan-2-ol Hexane

Not more than 50 mg/kg, singly or in

combination

Ethanol

Dichloromethane:

not more than 10 mg/kg

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

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 160a (ii) BETA-CAROTENE

# Synonyms

# CI Food Orange 5

Definition

Einecs

Class Colour Index No

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

These specifications apply predominantly to all trans isomer of  $\beta$ -carotene together with minor amounts of other carotenoids. Diluted and stabilized preparations may have different cis/trans isomer ratios.

Carotenoid

40800

230-636-6

β-Carotene, β,β-Carotene

 $C_{40}H_{56}$ 

536,88

Not less than 96% total colouring matters (expressed as  $\beta$ -carotene)

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

Red to brownish-red crystals or crystalline powder

# Description

Identification

Spectrometry

Maximum in cyclohexane at ca 453-456 nm

# Purity

Sulphated ash

Subsidiary colouring matters

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Not more than 0,2%

Carotinoids other than β-carotene: not more than 3,0 % of total colouring

matters

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 160b ANNATTO, BIXIN, NORBIXIN

# Synonyms

## Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

# Description

# Identification

Spectrometry

(i) Solvent extracted bixin and norbixin

Definition

CI Natural Orange 4

# Carotenoid

75120

Annatto: 215-735-4, annatto seed extract: 289-561-2; bixin: 230-248-7

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

Bixin:

 $C_{25}H_{30}O_4$ Norbixin: C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

Bixin:

394,51

Norbixin: 380,48

Reddish-brown powder, suspension or solution

Bixin: maximum in chloroform at ca 502 nm

Norbixin: maximum in dilute KOH solution at ca 482 nm

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

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.

Assay

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

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

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

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

**Purity** 

Solvent residues

Acetone Methanol

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

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

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

(ii) Alkali extracted annatto

Definition

Assay

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

**Purity** 

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

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

(iii) Oil extracted annatto

Definition

Assav

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 transforms. Thermal degradation products of bixin may also be present.

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

E<sub>1 cm</sub> 2 870 at ca 502 nm in chloroform Bixin:

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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, dichloromethane, 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

Chemical formula

Capsanthin: C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>56</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 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

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

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

А	rsenic	

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

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 160d LYCOPENE

## Synonyms

Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

# Description

Identification

Spectrometry

Purity

Solvent residues

Sulphated ash

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Natural Yellow 27

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.

Carotenoid

75125

Lycopene, ψ,ψ-carotene

 $C_{40}H_{56}$ 

536,85

Content not less than 5% total colouring matters

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

Dark red viscous liquid

Maximum in hexane at ca 472 nm

Ethyl acetate Methanol

Ethanol

Acetone

Hexane

Propan-2-ol

Dichloromethane:

not more than 10 mg/kg

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

Not more than 0,1%

Not more than 3 mg/kg

Not more than 10 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

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

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Colour Index No

**Einecs** 

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

Description

Identification

Spectrometry

Purity

Sulphated ash

Subsidiary colouring matters

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

CI Food Orange 6

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.

Carotenoid

40820

214-171-6

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

 $C_{30}H_{40}O$ 

416,65

Not less than 96% of total colouring matters

E<sub>1 cm</sub> 2 640 at 460—462 nm in cyclohexane

Dark violet crystals with metallic lustre or crystalline powder

Maximum in cyclohexane at 460-462 nm

Not more than 0,1 %

Carotenoids other than  $\beta$ -apo-8'-carotenal: not more than 3,0% of total colouring matters

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 10 mg/kg

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

Synonyms

CI Food Orange 7,  $\beta$ -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

Carotenoid

Colour Index No

40825

**Einecs** 

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Description

Assay

Identification

Spectrometry

**Purity** 

Sulphated ash

Subsidiary colouring matters

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

214-173-7

β-Apo-8'-carotenoic acid ethyl ester, ethyl 8'-apo-β-caroten-8'-oate

 $C_{32}H_{44}O_2$ 

460,70

Not less than 96% of total colouring matters

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

Red to violet-red crystals or crystalline powder

Maximum in cyclohexane at ca 449 nm

. Not more than 0,1 %

Carotenoids other than  $\beta\mbox{-apo-8}'\mbox{-carotenoic acid ethyl ester: not more than}$ 

3,0% of total colouring matters

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 161b LUTEIN

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

Mixed Carotenoids, Xanthophylls

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

Carotenoid

204-840-0

3,3'-dihydroxy-d-carotene

 $C_{40}H_{56}O_2$ 

568,88

Content of total colouring matter not less than 4% calculated as lutein

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

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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

Lead

Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

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 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.

Class

Colour Index No

40850

Einecs

208-187-2

Carotenoid

Chemical names

 $\beta\text{-Carotene-4,4'-dione, canthaxanthin, 4,4'-dioxo-}\beta\text{-carotene}$ 

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

Sulfated ash

Subsidiary colouring matters

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Not more than 0,1%

Carotenoids other than canthaxanthin: not more than 5.0% of total colouring

matters

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 162 BEETROOT RED, BETANIN

**Synonyms** 

Definition

Class

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

Description

Identification

Spectrometry

Purity

Nitrate

Arsenic

Lead

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.

Betalaine

231-628-5

(S-(R',R')-4-(2-(2-Carboxy-5(β-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-β-D-glucopyranosyloxy)-6-hydroxyindolium-2-carboxylate

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

550,48

Content of red colour (expressed as betanine) is not less than 0,4 %

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \%}$  1 120 at ca 535 nm in aqueous solution at pH 5

Red or dark red liquid, paste, powder or solid

Maximum in water of pH 5 at ca 535 nm

Not more than 2 g nitrate anion/g of red colour (as calculated from assay).

Not more than 3 mg/kg

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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 163 ANTHOCYANINS	
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 (pelargonidin)
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-benzopyrylium chloride (delphinidin) 3,3'4',5,7-Pentahydroxy-5'-methoxyflavylium chloride (petunidin) 3,5,7-Trihydroxy-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-benzopyrilium chloride (pelargonidin)
Chemical formula	Cyanidin: $C_{15}H_{11}O_6Cl$ Peonidin: $C_{16}H_{13}O_6Cl$ Malvidin: $C_{17}H_{15}O_7Cl$ Delphinidin: $C_{15}H_{11}O_7Cl$ Petunidin: $C_{16}H_{13}O_7Cl$ Pelargonidin: $C_{15}H_{11}O_5Cl$
Molecular weight	Cyanidin: 322,6 Peonidin: 336,7 Malvidin: 366,7 Delphinidin: 340,6 Petunidin: 352,7 Pelargonidin: 306,7
Assay	$E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \text{ \%}}$ 300 for the pure pigment at 515-535 nm at pH3,0
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

Purity

Solvent residues

Sulfur dioxide

Arsenic

Lead

Methanol Ethanol

Pelargonidin:

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

Not more than 1 000 mg/kg per percent pigment

530 nm

Not more than 3 mg/kg

Mercury

Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 40 mg/kg

# E 170 CALCIUM CARBONATE

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

Description

Identification

Solubility

Purity

Loss on drying

Acid-insoluble substances

Magnesium and alkali salts

Fluoride

Antimony (as Sb) Copper (as Cu) Chromium (as Cr) Zinc (as Zn) Barium (as Ba)

Arsenic

Lead

Cadmium

CI Pigment White 18, Chalk

Calcium carbonate is the product obtained from ground limestone or by the precipitation of calcium ions with carbonate ions.

Inorganic

77220

Calcium carbonate: 207-439-9 Limestone: 215-279-6

Calcium carbonate

CaCO<sub>3</sub>

100,1

Content not less than 98 % on the anhydrous basis

White crystalline or amorphous, odourless and tasteless powder

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.

Not more than 2,0 % (200 °C, 4 hours)

Not more than 0,2 %

Not more than 1,5%

Not more than 50 mg/kg

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

Not more than 3 mg/kg

Not more than 10 mg/kg

Not more than 1 mg/kg

# E 171 TITANIUM DIOXIDE

Synonyms

Definition

CI Pigment White 6

Titanium Dioxide consists essentially of pure anatase titanium dioxide which may be coated with small amounts of alumina and/or silica to improve the technological properties of the product.

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# 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

Iron oxides and iron hydroxides are produced synthetically and consist **Definition** 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: Iron Oxide Red: 257-098-5

Iron Oxide Black:

215-168-2 235-442-5

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: Iron Oxide Black: Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> FeO.Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Molecular weight

88,85: FeO(OH)

159,70: Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 231,55: FeO.Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</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

Arsenic
Barium
Cadmium
Chromium
Copper
Lead
Mercury

Not more than 1,0 % Not more than 5 mg/kg Not more than 50 mg/kg Not more than 5 mg/kg Not more than 100 mg/kg

Not more than 50 mg/kg Not more than 20 mg/kg Not more than 1 mg/kg

Not more than 200 mg/kg Not more than 100 mg/kg By total dissolution

E 173 ALUMINIUM

Synonyms

Nickel Zinc

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.

77000

Colour Index No

231-072-3

Einecs

Aluminium

Chemical names

Αl

Chemical formula

AI

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 name

Silver

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Ag

Chemical formula

107,87

Atomic weight
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 name

Gold

Chemical formula

Au

Atomic weight

197,0

Assay

Content not less than  $90\,\%$  Au

Description

Gold-coloured powder or tiny sheets

Purity

Silver

Copper

Not more than 7%Not more than 4% After complete dissolution

# E 180 LITHOLRUBINE BK

Synonyms

Definition

Class

Colour Index No

Einecs

Chemical names

Chemical formula

Molecular weight

Assay

Description

Identification

A. Spectrometry

Purity

Subsidiary colouring matters

Organic compounds other than colouring matters:

2-Amino-5-methylbenzenesulfonic acid, calcium salt

3-hydroxy-2-naphthalenecarboxylic acid, calcium salt

Unsulfonated primary aromatic amines

Ether extractable matter

Arsenic

Lead

Mercury Cadmium

Heavy metals (as Pb)

CI Pigment Red 57, Rubinpigment, Carmine 6B

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.

Monoazo

15850:1

226-109-5

 $Calcium\ 3-hydroxy-4-(4-methyl-2-sulfonatophenylazo)-2-naphthalene-carboxylate$ 

 $C_{18}H_{12}CaN_2O_6S$ 

424,45

Content not less than 90% total colouring matters

 $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1 \%}$  200 at ca 442 nm in dimethylformamide

Red powder

Maximum in dimethylformamide at ca 442 nm

Not more than 0,5 %

Not more than 0,2 %

Not more than 0,4%

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

From a solution of pH 7, 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