Isosorbide contains not less than 98.5% of \( C_6H_{10}O_4 \), calculated on the anhydrous basis.

**Description** Isosorbide occurs as white crystals or masses. It is odorless, or has a faint, characteristic odor, and has a bitter taste.

It is very soluble in water and in methanol, freely soluble in ethanol (95), and slightly soluble in diethyl ether.

It is hygroscopic.

**Identification** (1) To 0.1 g of Isosorbide add 6 mL of diluted sulfuric acid (1 in 2), and dissolve by heating in a water bath. After cooling, shake well with 1 mL of a solution of potassium permanganate (1 in 30), and heat in a water bath until the color of potassium permanganate disappears. To this solution add 10 mL of 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine TS, and heat in a water bath: an orange precipitate is formed.

(2) To 2 g of Isosorbide add 30 mL of pyridine and 4 mL of benzoyl chloride, boil under a reflux condenser for 50 minutes, cool, and pour gradually the solution into 100 mL of cold water. Filter the formed precipitate by suction through a glass filter (G3), wash with water, recrystallize twice from ethanol (95), and dry in a desiccator (in vacuum, silica gel) for 4 hours: it melts between 102-103°C.

(3) Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Isosorbide as directed in the potassium bromide disk method under the Infrared Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers.

**Optical rotation** \([\alpha]_D^{20}: +45.0 - +46.0^\circ\) (5 g, calculated on the anhydrous basis, water, 50 mL, 100 mm).

**Purity** (1) Clarity and color of solution—Take 25 g of Isosorbide in a Nessler tube, and dissolve in 50 mL of water: the solution is clear, and has no more color than the following control solution.

Control solution: To a mixture of 1.0 mL of Cobaltous Chloride Stock CS, 3.0 mL of Ferric Chloride Stock CS and 2.0 mL of Cupric Sulfate Stock CS add water to make 10.0 mL. To 3.0 mL of this solution add water to make 50 mL.

(2) Sulfate—Perform the test with 2.0 g of Isosorbide. Prepare the control solution with 1.0 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.024%).

(3) Heavy metals—Proceed with 5.0 g of Isosorbide according to Method 1, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.5 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 5 ppm).

(4) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Isosorbide according to Method 1, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 2 ppm).

(5) Related substances—Dissolve 0.10 g of Isosorbide in 10 mL of methanol, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 2 mL of the sample solution, add methanol to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under the Thin-layer Chromatography. Spot 10 µL each of the sample solution and the standard solution on a plate of silica gel for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of ethanol (95) and cyclohexane (1:1) to a distance of about 10 cm, and air-dry the plate. Spray evenly a mixture of ethanol (95) and sulfuric acid (9:1) on the plate, and heat at 150°C for 30 minutes: the spots other than the

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**Isosorbide**

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\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4: 146.14 \\
1,4,3,6-Dianhydro-\text{d-glucitol} [652-67-5]
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principal spot from the sample solution are not more intense than the spot from the standard solution.

**Water** Not more than 1.5% (2 g, direct titration).

**Residue on ignition** Not more than 0.10% (1 g).

**Assay** Weigh accurately about 10 g of Isosorbide, calculated on the anhydrous basis, and dissolve in water to make exactly 100 mL. Determine the optical rotation, $\alpha_D$, of this solution at 20 ± 1°C in a 100-mm cell.

Amount (g) of $C_6H_9O_4$ = $\alpha_D \times 2.1978$

**Containers and storage** Containers—Tight containers.

## Isosorbide Dinitrate

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$C_6H_9N_2O_5$: 236.14
1,4:3,6-Dianhydro-d-glucitol dinitrate [87-33-2]

Isosorbide Dinitrate contains not less than 95.0% of $C_6H_9N_2O_5$, calculated on the anhydrous basis.

**Description** Isosorbide Dinitrate occurs as white crystals or crystalline powder. It is odorless or has a faint odor like that of nitric acid.

It is very soluble in $N,N$-dimethylformamide and in acetone, freely soluble in chloroform and in toluene, soluble in methanol, in ethanol (95%) and in diethyl ether, and practically insoluble in water.

It explodes if heated quickly or subjected to percussion.

**Identification** (1) Dissolve 0.01 g of Isosorbide Dinitrate in 1 mL of water, and dissolve by adding 2 mL of sulfuric acid cautiously. After cooling, superimpose 3 mL of iron (II) sulfate TS, and allow to stand for 5 to 10 minutes: a brown ring is produced at the zone of contact.

(2) Dissolve 0.1 g of Isosorbide Dinitrate in 6 mL of diluted sulfuric acid (1 in 2) by heating in a water bath. After cooling, add 1 mL of a solution of potassium permanganate (1 in 30), stir well, and heat in a water bath until the color of potassium permanganate disappears. Add 10 mL of 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine TS, and heat in a water bath: an orange precipitate is produced.

**Optical rotation** $[\alpha]_D^20$: +134 - +139° (1 g, calculated on the anhydrous basis, ethanol (95%), 100 mL, 100 mm).

**Purity** (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 1.0 g of Isosorbide Dinitrate in 10 mL of acetone: the solution is clear and colorless.

(2) Sulfate—Dissolve 1.5 g of Isosorbide Dinitrate in 15 mL of $N,N$-dimethylformamide, add 60 mL of water, cool, and filter. Wash the filter paper with three 20-mL portions of water, combine the washings with the filtrate, and add water to make 150 mL. To 40 mL of this solution add 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid and water to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.40 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.048%).

(3) Nitrate—Dissolve 0.05 g of Isosorbide Dinitrate in 30 mL of toluene, and extract with three 20-mL portions of water. Combine the aqueous layers, and wash with two 20-mL portions of toluene. To the aqueous layer add water to make 100 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 5.0 mL of Standard Nitric Acid Solution and 25 mL of the sample solution in each Nessler tube, and add water to make 50 mL, respectively. To each of them add 0.06 g of Griss-Romijn’s nitric acid reagent, stir well, allow to stand for 30 minutes, and observe from the side of the Nessler tube: the sample solution has no more color than the standard solution.

(4) Heavy metals—Dissolve 1.0 g of Isosorbide Dinitrate in 30 mL of acetone, and add 2 mL of dilute acetic acid and water to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution as follows: to 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution add 30 mL of acetone, 2 mL of dilute acetic acid and water to make 50 mL (not more than 20 ppm).

**Water** Not more than 1.5% (0.3 g, direct titration).

**Assay** Weigh accurately about 0.1 g of Isosorbide Dinitrate in a Kjeldahl flask as described under the Nitrogen Determination, dissolve in 10 mL of methanol, add 3 g of Devarda’s alloy and 50 mL of water, and connect the flask with the distillation apparatus as described under the Nitrogen Determination. Measure exactly 25 mL of 0.05 mol/L sulfuric acid VS in an absorption flask, add 5 drops of bromocresol green-methyl red TS, and immerse the lower end of the condenser tube in it. Add 15 mL of a solution of sodium hydroxide (1 in 2) through the funnel, cautiously rinse the funnel with 20 mL of water, immediately close the clamp attached to the rubber tubing, then begin the distillation with steam gradually, and continue the distillation until the distillate measures 100 mL. Remove the absorption flask, rinse the end of the condenser tube with a small quantity of water, and titrate the distillate and the rinsings with 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS until the color of the solution changes from red through light red-purple to light blue-green. Perform a blank determination.

Each mL of 0.05 mol/L sulfuric acid VS = 11.807 mg of $C_6H_9N_2O_5$

**Containers and storage** Containers—Tight containers.

Storage—Light-resistant, and in a cold place.

## Isosorbide Dinitrate Tablets

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Isosorbide Dinitrate Tablets contain not less than 93% and not more than 107% of the labeled amount of isosorbide dinitrate ($C_6H_9N_2O_5$: 236.14).

**Method of preparation** Prepare as directed under Tablets, with Isosorbide Dinitrate.