

GENERAL NOTICES

General Notices in Part I are followed in Part II.

GENERAL RULES FOR CRUDE DRUGS

1. Crude drugs in the monographs include medicinal parts obtained from plants or animals, cell inclusions and secretes separated from the origins, their extracts, and minerals. General Rules for Crude Drugs and the Crude Drugs in General Tests, Processes and Apparatus are applicable to the followings:

Acacia, Achyranthes Root, Agar, Agar Powder, Akebia Stem, Alisma Rhizome, Aloe, Amomum Seed, Anemarrhena Rhizome, Angelica Dahurica Root, Apricot Kernel, Areca, Artemisia Capillaris Flower, Asiasarum Root, Astragalus Root, Atractylodes Lancea Rhizome, Atractylodes Rhizome, Bear Bile, Bearberry Leaf, Belladonna Root, Benzoin, Bitter Cardamon, Bitter Orange Peel, Bupleurum Root, Calumba, Capsicum, Cardamon, Cassia Seed, Catalpa Fruit, Chuling, Cimicifuga Rhizome, Cinnamon Bark, Citrus Unshiu Peel, Clove, Cnidium Rhizome, Coix Seed, Condurango, Coptis Rhizome, Corn Starch, Cornus Fruit, Corydalis Tuber, Cyperus Rhizome, Digenea, Digitalis, Dioscorea Rhizome, Ephedra Herb, Evodia Fruit, Fennel, Forsythia Fruit, Gambir, Gardenia Fruit, Gentian, Geranium Herb, Ginger, Ginseng, Glehnia Root, Glycyrrhiza, Gypsum, Hoelen, Honey, Houlttuynia Herb, Immature Orange, Imperata Rhizome, Ipecac, Japanese Angelica Root, Japanese Gentian, Japanese Valerian, Jujube, Lithospermum Root, Longgu, Magnolia Bark, Mallothus Bark, Mentha Herb, Moutan Bark, Mulberry Bark, Nuphar Rhizome, Nux Vomica, Ophiopogon Tuber, Oriental Bezoar, Oyster Shell, Panax Rhizome, Peach Kernel, Peony Root, Perilla Herb, Pharbitis Seed, Phellodendron Bark, Picrasma Wood, Pinellia Tuber, Plantago Herb, Plantago Seed, Platycodon Root, Polygala Root, Potato Starch, Powdered Acacia, Powdered Alisma Rhizome, Powdered Aloe, Powdered Amomum Seed, Powdered Atractylodes Lancea

Rhizome, Powdered Atractylodes Rhizome, Powdered Calumba, Powdered Capsicum, Powdered Cinnamon Bark, Powdered Clove, Powdered Cnidium Rhizome, Powdered Coix Seed, Powdered Coptis Rhizome, Powdered Cyperus Rhizome, Powdered Digitalis, Powdered Dioscorea Rhizome, Powdered Fennel, Powdered Gambir, Powdered Gardenia Fruit, Powdered Gentian, Powdered Geranium Herb, Powdered Ginger, Powdered Ginseng, Powdered Glycyrrhiza, Powdered Hoelen, Powdered Ipecac, Powdered Japanese Angelica Root, Powdered Japanese Gentian, Powdered Japanese Valerian, Powdered Magnolia Bark, Powdered Moutan Bark, Powdered Oyster Shell, Powdered Panax Rhizome, Powdered Peach Kernel, Powdered Peony Root, Powdered Phellodendron Bark, Powdered Picrasma Wood, Powdered Platycodon Root, Powdered Polygala Root, Powdered Polyporus Sclerotium, Powdered Rhubarb, Powdered Rose Fruit, Powdered Scutellaria Root, Powdered Senega, Powdered Senna Leaf, Powdered Smilax Rhizome, Powdered Sophora Root, Powdered Sweet Hydrangea Leaf, Powdered Swertia Herb, Powdered Tragacanth, Powdered Zanthoxylum Fruit, Prunella Spike, Pueraria Root, Red Ginseng, Rehmannia Root, Rhubarb, Rice Starch, Rose Fruit, Rosin, Safflower, Saffron, Saposhnikovia Root, Saussurea Root, Schisandra Fruit, Schizonepeta Spike, Scopolia Rhizome, Scutellaria Root, Senega, Senna Leaf, Sinomenium Stem, Smilax Rhizome, Sophora Root, Sweet Hydrangea Leaf, Swertia Herb, Toad Venom, Tragacanth, Trichosanthes Root, Wheat Starch, Zanthoxylum Fruit, Zedoary.

2. Crude drugs are usually used in the forms of whole crude drugs, cut crude drugs or powdered crude drugs.

Whole crude drugs are the medicinal parts or their in-

redients prepared by drying and/or simple processes, as specified in the monographs.

Cut crude drugs are small pieces or small blocks prepared by cutting or crushing of the whole crude drugs, and also coarse, medium or fine cutting of the crude drugs in whole, and, unless otherwise specified, are required to conform to the specifications of the whole crude drugs used as original materials.

Powdered crude drugs are coarse, medium, fine or very fine powder prepared from the whole crude drugs or the cut crude drugs; usually powdered crude drugs as fine powder are specified in the monographs.

3. Unless otherwise specified, crude drugs are used in dried form. The drying is usually carried out at a temperature not exceeding 60°C.

4. Crude drugs are as free as possible from contaminants and other impurities due to molds, insects and other animals and from other foreign matters, and are required to be kept in a clean and hygienic state.

5. Such statements as 'other species of the same genus' and 'allied plants' or 'allied animals' appearing in the origin of crude drugs usually indicate plants or animals which may be used as materials for crude drugs containing the same effective constituents.

6. The description in each monograph of crude drugs usually covers the crude drug derived from its typical original plant or animal and includes statements of characteristic properties of the crude drug to serve as the criteria. The values given therein are to serve as reference values, except those obtained by microscopic observation.

7. Powdered crude drugs do not contain fragments of tissues, cells, cell inclusions or other foreign matter alien to the original crude drugs or cut crude drugs.

8. Powdered crude drugs, otherwise specified, may be mixed with diluents so as to attain proper content and potency.

9. Crude drugs are preserved under protection from moisture and insect damage, unless otherwise specified. In order to avoid insect damage, suitable fumigants may be used to preserve crude drugs, provided that the fumigants are so readily volatilized as to be harmless at the usual dosage of the crude drugs, and such fumigants that may affect the therapeutic efficacy of the crude drugs or interfere with the testing are precluded.

10. Crude drugs are preserved in well-closed containers unless otherwise specified.

GENERAL RULES FOR PREPARATIONS

General Rules for Preparations in Part I are followed in Part II.

GENERAL TESTS, PROCESSES AND APPARATUS

General Tests, Processes and Apparatus in Part I are applicable in Part II.