

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.