Control solution: To 1.5 mL of Matching Fluid O add diluted hydrochloric acid (1 in 40) to make 200 mL.

- (2) Chloride—Perform the test with 3.5 g of Bamethan Sulfate. Prepare the control solution with 0.25 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.002%).
- (3) Heavy metals—Proceed with 2.0 g of Bamethan Sulfate according to Method 1, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 10 ppm).
- (4) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Bamethan Sulfate according to Method 3, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 2 ppm).
- (5) Related substances—Dissolve 0.10 g of Bamethan Sulfate in 2 mL of methanol, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 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 2  $\mu$ L 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 chloroform and methanol (7:2) in a developing vessel saturated with ammonia vapor to a distance of about 12 cm, and air-dry the plate. Spray evenly Dragendorff's TS for spraying on the plate, air-dry for 15 minutes, spray Dragendorff's TS for spraying again, then, after 1 minute, spray evenly a solution of sodium nitrite (1 in 20), and immediately put a glass plate on the plate. Examine the plate after 30 minutes: the spots other than the principal spot from the sample solution are not more intense than the spot from the standard solution.

Loss on drying Not more than 0.5% (1 g, 105°C, 4 hours).

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

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.75 g of Bamethan Sulfate, previously dried, dissolve in 80 mL of acetic acid (100), and titrate with 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS (potentiometric titration). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS = 51.67 mg of  $(C_{12}H_{19}NO_2)_2.H_2SO_4$ 

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

## **Barbital**

バルビタール

C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 184.19 5,5-Diethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1*H*,3*H*,5*H*)-trione [57-44-3]

Barbital, when dried, contains not less than 99.0% of  $C_8H_{12}N_2O_3$ .

**Description** Barbital occurs as colorless or white crystals or a white, crystalline powder. It is odorless, and has a slightly bitter taste.

It is freely soluble in acetone and in pyridine, soluble in ethanol (95), sparingly soluble in diethyl ether, and slightly soluble in water and in chloroform.

It dissolves in sodium hydroxide TS and in ammonia TS. The pH of its saturated solution is between 5.0 and 6.0.

**Identification** (1) Boil 0.2 g of Barbital with 10 mL of sodium hydroxide TS: the gas evolved changes moistened red litmus paper to blue.

- (2) Dissolve 0.05 g of Barbital in 5 mL of diluted pyridine (1 in 10), add 0.3 mL of copper (II) sulfate TS, shake, and allow to stand for 5 minutes: a red-purple precipitate is formed. Shake the mixture with 5 mL of chloroform: a red-purple color develops in the chloroform layer. Separately, dissolve 0.05 g of Barbital in 2 to 3 drops of ammonia-ammonium chloride buffer solution, pH 10.7, and 5 mL of diluted pyridine (1 in 10). Add 5 mL of chloroform and 0.3 mL of copper (II) sulfate TS to the solution: a red-purple precipitate is produced in the aqueous layer. The red-purple precipitate is not dissolved in the chloroform by shaking.
- (3) To 0.4 g of Barbital add 0.1 g of anhydrous sodium carbonate and 4 mL of water, shake, and add a solution of 0.3 g of 4-nitrobenzyl chloride in 7 mL of ethanol (95). Heat the mixture on a water bath under a reflux condenser for 30 minutes, and allow to stand for 1 hour. Collect the separated crystals, wash with 7 mL of sodium hydroxide TS and a small amount of water, recrystallize from a mixture of ethanol (95) and chloroform (1:1), and dry at 105°C for 30 minutes: the crystals melt between 192°C and 196°C.

Melting point 189 – 192°C

**Purity** (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 0.5 g of Barbital in 5 mL of sodium hydroxide TS: the solution is clear and colorless.

- (2) Chloride—Dissolve 0.30 g of Barbital in 20 mL of acetone, and add 6 mL of dilute nitric acid and water to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution as follows: take 0.30 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS, 20 mL of acetone and 6 mL of dilute nitric acid, and add water to make 50 mL (not more than 0.035%).
- (3) Sulfate—Dissolve 0.40 g of Barbital in 20 mL of acetone, and 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 as follows: take 0.40 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS, 20 mL of acetone, and 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, and add water to make 50 mL (not more than 0.048%).
- (4) Heavy metals—Proceed with 1.0 g of Barbital according to Method 2, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead solution (not more than 20 ppm).
- (5) Readily carbonizable substances—Perform the test with 0.5 g of Barbital. The solution has not more color than Matching Fluid A.

Loss on drying Not more than 1.0% (1 g, 105°C, 2 hours).

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

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.4 g of Barbital, previously dried, and dissolve in 5 mL of ethanol (95) and 50 mL of chloroform. Titrate with 0.1 mol/L potassium hydroxideethanol VS until the color of the solution changes from yellow through light blue to purple (indicator: 1 mL of alizarin

yellow GG-thymolphthalein TS). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L potassium hydroxide-ethanol VS = 18.419 mg of  $C_8H_{12}N_2O_3$ 

Containers and storage Containers—Well-closed containers.

## **Barium Sulfate**

硫酸バリウム

BaSO<sub>4</sub>: 233.39

**Description** Barium Sulfate occurs as a white powder. It is odorless and tasteless.

It is practically insoluble in water, in ethanol (95) and in diethyl ether.

It does not dissolve in hydrochloric acid, in nitric acid and in sodium hydroxide TS.

**Identification** (1) Mix 0.5 g of Barium Sulfate with 2 g each of anhydrous sodium carbonate and potassium carbonate in a crucible, heat the mixture until fusion is complete, treat the cooled mass with hot water, and filter. The filtrate, acidified with hydrochloric acid, responds to the Qualitative Tests for sulfate.

(2) Wash the hot water-insoluble residue obtained in (1) with water, dissolve in 2 mL of acetic acid (31), and filter, if necessary: the solution responds to the Qualitative Tests for barium salt.

**Purity** (1) Acidity or alkalinity—Agitate 1.0 g of Barium Sulfate with 20 mL of water for 5 minutes: the solution is neutral.

- (2) Phosphate—Boil 1.0 g of Barium Sulfate with 3 mL of nitric acid and 5 mL of water for 5 minutes, cool, and add water to restore the original volume. Filter through a filter paper, previously washed with dilute nitric acid, to the filtrate add an equal volume of hexaammonium heptamolybdate TS, and allow to stand between 50°C and 60°C for 1 hour: no yellow precipitate is produced.
- (3) Sulfide—Place 10 g of Barium Sulfate in a 250-mL conical flask, add 10 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid and water to make 100 mL, and boil for 10 minutes: the gas evolved does not darken moistened lead (II) acetate paper.
- (4) Heavy metals—Boil 5.0 g of Barium Sulfate with 2.5 mL of acetic acid (100) and 50 mL of water for 10 minutes, cool, add 0.5 mL of ammonia TS and water to make 100 mL, and filter. Perform the test with a 50-mL portion of this filtrate. Prepare the control solution with 2.5 mL of Standard Lead Solution, 1.25 mL of acetic acid (100), 0.25 mL of ammonia TS and water to make 50 mL (not more than 10 ppm).
- (5) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 2.0 g of Barium Sulfate according to Method 1, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 1 ppm).
- (6) Hydrochloric acid-soluble substances and soluble barium salts—Cool the solution obtained in (3), add water to make 100 mL, and filter. Evaporate 50 mL of the filtrate on a water bath to dryness, add 2 drops of hydrochloric acid and 10 mL of warm water, filter through filter paper for assay, and wash with 10 mL of warm water. Evaporate the

combined filtrate and washings on a water bath to dryness, and dry the residue at 105°C for 1 hour: the residue weighs not more than 15 mg. Shake the residue, if any, with 10 mL of water, and filter. To the filtrate add 0.5 mL of dilute sulfuric acid, and allow to stand for 30 minutes: no turbidity is produced.

Containers and storage Containers—Well-closed containers.

## **Beclometasone Dipropionate**

プロピオン酸ベクロメタゾン

C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>37</sub>ClO<sub>7</sub>: 521.04

9-Chloro-11 $\beta$ ,17,21-trihydroxy-16 $\beta$ -methylpregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione 17,21-dipropionate [5534-09-8]

Beclometasone Dipropionate, when dried, contains not less than 97.0% and not more than 103.0% of  $C_{28}H_{37}ClO_7$ .

**Description** Beclometasone Dipropionate occurs as a white to pale yellow powder. It is odorless.

It is freely soluble in chloroform, soluble in methanol, sparingly soluble in ethanol (95) and in 1,4-dioxane, slightly soluble in diethyl ether, and practically insoluble in water.

Melting point: about 208°C (with decomposition).

**Identification** (1) Dissolve 2 mg of Beclometasone Dipropionate in 2 mL of sulfuric acid: initially a yellowish color develops, and gradually changes through orange to dark red-brown. To this solution add carefully 10 mL of water: the color changes to bluish green, and a flocculent precipitate is formed.

- (2) Dissolve 0.01 g of Beclometasone Dipropionate in 1 mL of methanol, add 1 mL of Fehling's TS, and heat: a red to red-brown precipitate is formed.
- (3) Prepare the test solution with 0.02 g of Beclometasone Dipropionate as directed under the Oxygen Flask Combustion Method, using a mixture of 1 mL of sodium hydroxide TS and 20 mL of water as an absorbing liquid: the test solution responds to the Qualitative Tests for chloride.
- (4) Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Beclometasone Dipropionate, previously dried, as directed in the potassium bromide disk method under the Infrared Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum or the spectrum of previously dried Beclometasone Dipropionate Reference Standard: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers. If any difference appears between the spec-