**Description** D-Sorbitol occurs as white granules, powder, or crystalline masses. It is odorless, and has a sweet taste with a cold sensation.

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

It is hygroscopic.

**Identification** (1) To 1 mL of a solution of D-Sorbitol (7 in 10) add 2 mL of iron (II) sulfate TS and 1 mL of a solution of sodium hydroxide (1 in 5): a blue-green color develops, but no turbidity is produced.

- (2) Shake thoroughly 1 mL of a solution of D-Sorbitol (1 in 20) with 1 mL of a freshly prepared solution of catechol (1 in 10), add rapidly 2 mL of sulfuric acid, and shake: a reddish purple to red-purple color immediately develops.
- (3) Boil 0.5 g of D-Sorbitol with 10 mL of acetic anhydride and 1 mL of pyridine under a reflux condenser for 10 minutes, cool, shake with 25 mL of water, and allow to stand in a cold place. Transfer the solution to a separator, extract with 30 mL of chloroform, and evaporate the extract on a water bath. Add 80 mL of water to the oily residue, heat for 10 minutes on a water bath, then filter the hot mixture. After cooling, collect the produced precipitate through a glass filter (G3), wash with water, recrystallize once from ethanol (95), and dry in a desiccator (in vacuum, silica gel) for 4 hours: the precipitate melts between 97°C and 101°C.
- **Purity** (1) Clarity and color of solution, and acidity or alkalinity—Dissolve 5 g of D-Sorbitol in 20 mL of water by warming with shaking: the solution is clear, colorless, and neutral.
- (2) Chloride—Perform the test with 2.0 g of D-Sorbitol. Prepare the control solution with 0.30 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.005%).
- (3) Sulfate—Perform the test with 4.0 g of D-Sorbitol. Prepare the control solution with 0.50 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.006%).
- (4) Heavy metals—Proceed with 5.0 g of D-Sorbitol 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).
- (5) Nickel—Dissolve 0.5 g of D-Sorbitol in 5 mL of water, add 3 drops of dimethylglyoxime TS and 3 drops of ammonia TS, and allow to stand for 5 minutes: no red color develops.
- (6) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 1.5 g of D-Sorbitol according to Method 1, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 1.3 ppm).
- (7) Glucose—Dissolve 20.0 g of D-Sorbitol in 25 mL of water, and boil gently with 40 mL of Fehling's TS for 3 minutes. After cooling, filter the supernatant liquid cautiously through a glass filter (G4), leaving the precipitate in the flask as much as possible, wash the precipitate with hot water until the last washings no longer show an alkali reaction, and filter the washings through the glass filter. Dissolve the precipitate in the flask in 20 mL of iron (III) sulfate TS, filter through the glass filter, and wash with water. Combine the filtrate and the washings, heat at 80°C, and titrate with 0.02 mol/L potassium permanganate VS: not more than 6.3 mL of volume for titration consumed or consumption is required.
- (8) Sugars—Dissolve 20.0 g of D-Sorbitol in 25 mL of water, and heat with 8 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid under

a reflux condenser in a water bath for 3 hours. After cooling, add 2 drops of methyl orange TS, followed by sodium hydroxide TS until an orange color develops, and add water to make 100 mL. Boil gently 10 mL of this solution with 10 mL of water and 40 mL of Fehling's TS for 3 minutes and proceed as directed in (7).

Loss on drying Not more than 2.0% (0.5 g, in vacuum, phosphorus (V) oxide, 80°C, 3 hours).

Residue on ignition Not more than 0.02% (5 g).

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.2 g of D-Sorbitol, previously dried, dissolve in water and add water to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet 10 mL of the solution into an iodine flask, add exactly 50 mL of potassium periodate TS, and heat for 15 minutes in a water bath. Cool, add 2.5 g of potassium iodide, immediately stopper tightly, and shake well. Allow to stand for 5 minutes in a dark place, and titrate with 0.1 mol/L sodium thiosulfate VS (indicator: 3 mL of starch TS). Perform a blank determination.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L sodium thiosulfate VS = 1.8217 mg of  $C_6H_{14}O_6$ 

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

## **p-Sorbitol Solution**

D-ソルビトール液

D-Sorbitol Solution contains not less than 97% and not more than 103% of the labeled amount of D-sorbitol ( $C_6H_{14}O_6$ : 182.17).

**Description** D-Sorbitol Solution is a clear, colorless liquid. It is odorless, and has a sweet taste.

It is miscible with water, with ethanol (95), with glycerin and with propylene glycol.

It sometimes separates crystalline masses.

- **Identification** (1) To a volume of D-Sorbitol Solution, equivalent to 0.7 g of D-Sorbitol according to the labeled amount, add 2 mL of iron (II) sulfate TS and 1 mL of a solution of sodium hydroxide (1 in 5): a blue-green color develops, but no turbidity is produced.
- (2) To a volume of D-Sorbitol Solution, equivalent to 1 g of D-Sorbitol according to the labeled amount, add water to make 20 mL. To 1 mL of this solution add 1 mL of a freshly prepared solution of catechol (1 in 10), mix well, then add rapidly 2 mL of sulfuric acid, and mix: a reddish purple to red-purple color immediately develops.
- **Purity** (1) Acidity or alkalinity—D-Sorbitol Solution is neutral.
- (2) Chloride—Proceed with a volume of D-Sorbitol Solution, equivalent to 2.0 g of D-Sorbitol according to the labeled amount, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 0.30 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.005%).
- (3) Sulfate—To a volume of D-Sorbitol Solution, equivalent to 4.0 g of D-Sorbitol according to the labeled amount, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 0.50 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.006%).

- (4) Heavy metals—Proceed with a volume of D-Sorbitol Solution, equivalent to 5.0 g of D-Sorbitol according to the labeled amount, and according to Method 1, perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.5 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 5 ppm).
- (5) Nickel—Take a volume of D-Sorbitol Solution, equivalent to 0.5 g of D-Sorbitol according to the labeled amount, add 3 drops of dimethylglyoxime TS and 3 drops of ammonia TS, and allow to stand for 5 minutes: no red color develops.
- (6) Arsenic—Take a volume of D-Sorbitol Solution, equivalent to 1.5 g of D-Sorbitol according to the labeled amount, dilute with water or concentrate to 5 mL on a water bath, if necessary, cool, and perform the test with Apparatus B, using this solution as the test solution (not more than 1.3 ppm).
- (7) Glucose—Take a volume of D-Sorbitol Solution, equivalent to 20.0 g of D-Sorbitol according to the labeled amount, dilute with water or concentrate to 40 mL on a water bath, if necessary, add 40 mL of Fehling's TS, and boil gently for 3 minutes. After cooling, filter the supernatant liquid cautiously through a glass filter (G4), leaving the precipitate in the flask as much as possible, wash the precipitate with hot water until the last washings no longer show alkalinity, and filter the washings through the glass filter. Dissolve the precipitate in the flask in 20 mL of iron (III) sulfate TS, filter through the glass filter, and wash the filter with water. Combine the filtrate and the washings, heat at 80°C, and titrate with 0.02 mol/L potassium permanganate VS: not more than 6.3 mL of 0.02 mol/L potassium permanganate VS is required.
- (8) Sugars—Take a volume of D-Sorbitol Solution, equivalent to 20.0 g of D-Sorbitol according to the labeled amount, dilute with water or concentrate to 40 mL of a water bath, if necessary, add 8 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, and heat under a reflux condenser in a water bath for 3 hours. After cooling, add 2 drops of methyl orange TS, followed by sodium hydroxide TS until an orange color develops, and add water to make 100 mL. Boil gently 10 mL of this solution with 10 mL of water and 40 mL of Fehling's TS for 3 minutes and proceed as directed in (7).

**Residue on ignition** Measure exactly a volume of D-Sorbitol Solution, equivalent to 5 g of D-Sorbitol according to the labeled amount, add 3 to 4 drops of sulfuric acid, and heat gently to evaporate. Ignite to burn, cool, and perform the test with the residue: not more than 1.0 mg.

Assay Measure exactly a volume of D-Sorbitol Solution, equivalent to about 5 g of D-sorbitol ( $C_6H_{14}O_6$ ) according to the labeled amount, and add water to make exactly 250 mL. Pipet 10 mL of this solution, add water to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet exactly 10 mL of the solution into an iodine flask, add exactly 50 mL of potassium periodate TS, and heat for 15 minutes in a water bath. Cool, add 2.5 g of potassium iodide, immediately stopper tightly, and shake well. Allow to stand for 5 minutes in a dark place, and titrate with 0.1 mol/L sodium thiosulfate VS (indicator: 3 mL of starch TS). Perform a blank determination.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L sodium thiosulfate VS = 1.8217 mg of  $C_6H_{14}O_6$ 

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

## **Spironolactone**

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 $C_{24}H_{32}O_4S$ : 416.57 7 $\alpha$ -Acetylsulfanyl-3-oxo-17 $\alpha$ -pregn-4-ene-21,17 $\beta$ -carbolactone [52-01-7]

Spironolactone, when dried, contains not less than 97.0% and not more than 103.0% of C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S.

**Description** Spironolactone occurs as a white to light yellow-brown, fine powder.

It is freely soluble in chloroform, soluble in ethanol (95), slightly soluble in methanol, and practically insoluble in water.

Melting point: 198 – 207°C (Insert the capillary tube into a bath at about 125°C, and continue the heating so that the temperature rises at a rate of about 10°C per minute in the range between 140°C and 185°C, and when the temperature is near the expected melting range, reduce the heating so that the temperature rises at a rate of about 3°C per minute.)

**Identification** (1) Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Spironolactone in methanol (1 in 100,000) as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum or the spectrum of a solution of Spironolactone Reference Standard prepared in the same manner as the sample solution: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wavelengths.

(2) Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Spironolactone, 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 Spironolactone Reference Standard: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers. If any difference appears between the spectra, dissolve Spironolactone and Spironolactone Reference Standard in methanol, respectively, then evaporate methanol to dryness, and repeat the test on the residues.

**Optical rotation**  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ :  $-33 - -37^{\circ}$  (after drying, 0.25 g, chloroform, 25 mL, 200 mm).

**Purity** (1) Mercapto compounds—Shake 2.0 g of Spironolactone with 20 mL of water, and filter. To 10 mL of the filtrate add 1 mL of starch TS and 0.05 mL of 0.01 mol/L iodine VS, and mix: a blue color develops.

(2) Related substances—Dissolve 0.20 g of Spironolactone in 10 mL of ethanol (95), and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 mL of this solution, add ethanol (95) to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as