of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone is about 10 minutes.

Selection of column: Dissolve 0.01 g of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and 0.5 g of vinyl acetate in 100 mL of methanol. To 1 mL of this solution add diluted methanol (1 in 5) to make 100 mL. Proceed with $50 \,\mu$ L of this solution under the above operating conditions, and calculate the resolution. Use a column giving elution of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and vinyl acetate in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 2.0.

Detection sensitivity: Adjust the detection sensitivity so that the peak height of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone obtained from 50μ L of the standard solution is between 10 mm and 15 mm.

System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times with the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of obtained peak areas of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone is not more than 2%.

Washing of the guard column: After each test with the sample solution, wash away the polymeric material of Povidone from the guard column by passing the mobile phase through the column backwards for about 30 minutes at the same flow rate as applied in the test.

(5) Peroxides—Weigh exactly an amount of Povidone, equivalent to 4.0 g calculated on the anhydrous basis, dissolve in water to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. To 25 mL of the sample solution add 2 mL of titanium (III) chloride-sulfuric acid TS, and mix. Allow to stand for 30 minutes, and perform the test with this solution as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, using a solution prepared by adding 2 mL of 13% sulfuric acid to 25 mL of the sample solution as a blank: the absorbance of the subsequent solution of the sample solution at 405 nm is not more than 0.35 (not more than 400 ppm, expressed as hydrogen peroxide).

(6) Hydrazine—Transfer 2.5 g of Povidone to a 50-mL centrifuge tube, add 25 mL of water, and stir to dissolve. Add 500 μ L of a solution of salicylaldehyde in methanol (1 in 20), stir and warm at 60°C for 15 minutes in a water bath. Allow to cool, add 2.0 mL of toluene, stopper tightly, shake vigorously for 2 minutes, centrifuge, and use the upper layer of the mixture as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve 0.09 g of salicylaldazine in toluene to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet 1 mL of this solution, add toluene 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 coated with a 0.25-mm layer of dimethylsilanized silica gel with fluorescent indicator for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of methanol and water (2:1) to a distance of about threefourths of the length of the plate, and air-dry the plate. Examine under ultraviolet light (main wavelength: 365 nm): the Rf value of the fluorescent spot from the standard solution is about 0.3, and the fluorescence of the spot from the sample solution corresponding to the spot from the standard solution is not more intense than that of the spot from the standard solution (not more than 1 ppm).

Water Not more than 5.0% (0.5 g, direct titration).

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

K-value Weigh accurately an amount of Povidone, equivalent to 1.00 g calculated on the anhydrous basis, and dissolve in water to make exactly 100 mL, allow to stand for 60 minutes, and use this solution as the sample solution. Per-

form the test with the sample solution and with water at 25°C as directed in Method 1 under the Viscosity Determination, and calculate the K-value by the following formula.

$$K = \frac{1.5 \log \eta_r - 1}{0.15 + 0.003 c} + \frac{\sqrt{300 c \log \eta_r + (c + 1.5 c \log \eta_r)^2}}{0.15 c + 0.003 c^2}$$

c: Mass (g) of Povidone in 100 mL of the solution, calculated on the anhydrous basis.

 η_r : Kinematic viscosity of the sample solution relative to that of water.

The K-value of Povidone is not less than 90% and not more than 108% of the nominal K-value.

Assay Wiegh accurately about 0.1 g of Povidone, and place in a Kjeldahl flask. Add 5 g of a powdered mixture of 33 g of potassium slfate, 1 g of copper (II) sulfate pentahydrate and 1 g of titanium (IV) oxide, and wash down any adhering sample from the neck of the flask with a small amount of water. Add 7 mL of sulfuric acid allowing to flow down the inside wall of the flask. Heat the flask on an asbestos wire gauze over a free flame until the solution has a clear, yellow-green color, and the inside wall of the flask is free from a carbonaceous material, and then heat for further 45 minutes. After cooling, add cautiously 20 mL of water, cool the solution, and connect the flask to the distillation apparatus previously washed by passing steam through it. To the absorption flask add 30 mL of a solution of boric acid (1 in 25), 3 drops of bromocresol green-methyl red TS and sufficient water to immerse the lower end of the condenser tube. Add 30 mL of a solution of sodium hydroxide (2 in 5) through the funnel, rinse cautiously the funnel with 10 ml of water, immediately close the clamp attached to the rubber tube, then start the distillation with steam to get 80 to 100 mL of the distillate. Remove the absorption flask from the lower end of the condenser tube, rinsing the end part with a small quantity of water, and titrate the distillate with 0.025 mol/L sulfuric acid VS until the color of the solution changes from green through pale grayish blue to pale grayish red-purple. Perform a blank determination in the same manner, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.025 mol/L sulfuric acid VS = 0.7004 mg of N

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

Propyl Parahydroxybenzoate

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 $C_{10}H_{12}O_3$: 180.20

Propyl 4-hydroxybenzoate [94-13-3]

Propyl Parahydroxybenzoate, when dried, contains not less than 99.0% of $C_{10}H_{12}O_3$.

Description Propyl Parahydroxybenzoate occurs as colorless crystals or a white, crystalline powder. It is odorless and

tasteless, and numbs the tongue.

It is freely soluble in ethanol (95), in ethanol (99.5), in acetone and in diethyl ether, slightly soluble in hot water, and very slightly soluble in water.

Identification (1) Dissolve 0.25 g of Propyl Parahydroxybenzoate in 5 mL of dilute ethanol, and add 1 drop of iron (III) chloride TS: a red-purple color develops.

- (2) Boil 0.5 g of Propyl Parahydroxybenzoate with 10 mL of sodium hydroxide TS for about 30 minutes, allowing the solution to evaporate to about 5 mL. After cooling, acidify with dilute sulfuric acid, collet the precipitate formed, wash thoroughly with a small amount of water, and dry in a desiccator (silica gel): the precipitate melts between 213°C and 217°C.
- (3) To 0.05 g of Propyl Parahydroxybenzoate add 2 drops of acetic acid (31) and 5 drops of sulfuric acid, and heat the mixture for 5 minutes: the odor of propyl acetate is perceptible.

Melting point 96 – 99°C

- **Purity** (1) Chloride—Heat 2.0 g of Propyl Parahydroxybenzoate with 50 mL of water, allow to stand in ice water for 1 hour with occasional shaking, then add water to make 100 mL, and filter. Perform the test with 25 mL of the filtrate. Prepare the control solution with 0.50 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.035%).
- (2) Sulfate—Perform the test with 40 mL of the filtrate obtained in Purity (1). Prepare the control solution with 0.40 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.024%).
- (3) Heavy metals—Dissolve 1.0 g of Propyl Parahydroxybenzoate in 25 mL of acetone, add 2 mL of dilute acetic acid and water to make 50 mL, and 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 25 mL of acetone, 2 mL of dilute acetic acid, and water to make 50 mL (not more than 20 ppm).
- (4) Parahydroxybenzoic acid and salicylic acid—Dissolve 0.50 g of Propyl Parahydroxybenzoate in 30 mL of diethyl ether, shake with 20 mL of a solution of sodium hydrogen carbonate (1 in 100), wash the separated aqueous layer with two 20-mL portions of diethyl ether, shake the aqueous layer with 5 mL of dilute sulfuric acid and 30 mL of diethyl ether, and allow to stand. Shake gently the separated diethyl ether layer with 10 mL of water, remove the aqueous layer after allowing the mixture to stand, filter the diethyl ether solution, wash the vessel and the filter paper with a small amount of diethyl ether, evaporate the diethyl ether from the combined filtrate and washings on a water bath, and dry the residue in a desiccator (silica gel) to constant mass: the mass of the residue is not more than 5.0 mg. Warm the residue with 5 mL of water, filter, and to the filtrate add 2 to 3 drops of dilute iron (III) chloride TS: no purple color develops.
- (5) Readily carbonizable substances—Perform the test with 0.50 g of Propyl Parahydroxybenzoate. The solution has no more color than Matching Fluid D.

Loss on drying Not more than 0.5% (2 g, silica gel, 3 hours).

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

Assay Weigh accurately about 2 g of Propyl Parahydrox-

ybenzoate, previously dried, add exactly 40 mL of 1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS, and boil for 30 minutes. Cool, and titrate the excess sodium hydroxide with 0.5 mol/L sulfuric acid VS until the solution shows the same color as that of phosphate buffer solution, pH 6.5, to which the same indicator has been added (indicator: 5 drops of bromothymol blue TS). Perform a blank determination.

Each mL of 1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS = 180.20 mg of $C_{10}H_{12}O_3$

Containers and storage Containers—Well-closed containers.

Propylene Glycol

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C₃H₈O₂: 76.09

(RS)-Propane-1,2-diol [57-55-6]

Description Propylene Glycol is a clear, colorless, viscous liquid. It is odorless, and has a slightly bitter taste.

It is miscible with water, with methanol, with ethanol (95) and with pyridine.

It is freely soluble in diethyl ether.

It is hygroscopic.

Identification (1) Mix 2 to 3 drops of Propylene Glycol with 0.7 g of triphenylchloromethane, add 1 mL of pyridine, and heat under a reflux condenser on a water bath for 1 hour. After cooling, dissolve the mixture in 20 mL of acetone by warming, shake with 0.02 g of activated charcoal, and filter. Concentrate the filtrate to about 10 mL, and cool. Collect the separated crystals, and dry in a desiccator (silica gel) for 4 hours: the crystals melt between 174°C and 178°C.

(2) Heat gently 1 mL of Propylene Glycol with 0.5 g of potassium hydrogen sulfate: a characteristic odor is evolved.

Specific gravity d_{20}^{20} : 1.035 – 1.040

- **Purity** (1) Acid—Mix 10.0 mL of Propylene Glycol with 50 mL of freshly boiled and cooled water, and add 5 drops of phenolphthalein TS and 0.30 mL of 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS: the solution has a red color.
- (2) Chloride—Perform the test with 2.0 g of Propylene Glycol. Prepare the control solution with 0.40 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.007%).
- (3) Sulfate—Perform the test with 10.0 g of Propylene Glycol. Prepare the control solution with 0.40 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.002%).
- (4) Heavy metals—Perform the test with 5.0 g of Propylene Glycol according to Method 1. Prepare the control solution with 2.5 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 5 ppm).
- (5) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Propylene Glycol according to Method 1, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 2 ppm).
- (6) Glycerin—Heat 1.0 g of Propylene Glycol with 0.5 g of potassium hydrogen sulfate and evaporate to dryness: no odor of acrolein is perceptible.