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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/107/EEC of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning food additives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption (¹), as amended by Directive 94/34/EC (²), and in particular Article 3 (3) (a) thereof,

After consultation of the Scientific Committee on Food,

Whereas it is necessary to establish purity criteria for all sweeteners mentioned in European Parliament and Council Directive 94/35/EC of 30 June 1994 on sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (3);

Whereas it is necessary to take into account the specifications and analytical techniques for sweeteners as set out in the *Codex Alimentarius* and the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (Jecfa);

Whereas food additives, prepared by production methods or starting materials significantly different from those included in the evaluation of the Scientific Committee for Food, or different from those mentioned in this Directive, should be submitted for evaluation by the Scientific Committee for Food with a view to full evaluation with emphasis on the purity criteria;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Directive are in line with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs,

#### HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

#### Article 1

- 1. Purity criteria mentioned under Article 3 (3) (a) of Directive 89/107/EEC for sweeteners mentioned in Directive 94/35/EC are set out in the Annex.
- 2. The purity criteria for E 420 (i), E 420 (ii) and E 421 mentioned in the Annex to this Directive supersede the purity criteria for the said substances mentioned in the Annex to Council Directive 78/663/EEC (4).

#### Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive not later than 1 July 1996. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt these provisions, these shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference at the time of their official publication. The procedure for such reference shall be adopted by Member States.

2. Products put on the market or labelled before that date which do not comply with this Directive may, however, be marketed until stocks are exhausted.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 40, 11. 2. 1989, p. 27.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 237, 10. 9. 1994, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 237, 10. 9. 1994, p. 3.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 223, 14. 8. 1978, p. 7.

# Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

## Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

#### ANNEX

#### E 420 (i) — SORBITOL

Synonyms D-glucitol, D-sorbitol

Definition

Chemical nameD-glucitolEinecs200-061-5E numberE 420 (i)Chemical formula $C_6H_{14}O_6$ Relative molecular mass182,17

Assay Con

Content not less than 97% of total glycitols and not less than 91% of D-sorbitol on the dry weight basis. Glycitols are compounds with the structural formula CH<sub>2</sub>OH-(CHOH), -CH<sub>2</sub>OH, where 'n' is an integer

 $\begin{array}{c} (CHOH)_n - CH_2OH, \text{ where } n \text{ is an integer} \\ \text{White hygroscopic powder, crystalline powder, flakes or} \end{array}$ 

granules having a sweet taste

Identification

A. Solubility Very soluble in water, slightly soluble in ethanol

B. Melting range 88 to 102°C

C. Sorbitol monobenzylidene derivative

To 5 g of the sample add 7 ml of methanol, 1 ml of benzaldehyde and 1 ml of hydrochloric acid. Mix and shake in a mechanical shaker until crystals appear. Filter with the aid of suction, dissolve the crystals in 20 ml of boiling water containing 1 g of sodium bicarbonate, filter

while hot, cool the filtrate, filter with suction, wash with 5 ml of methanol-water mixture (1 in 2) and dry in air. The crystals so obtained melt between 173 and 179°C

Purity

Water content Not more than 1% (Karl Fischer method)

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,1% expressed on dry weight basis

Reducing sugars Not more than 0,3% expressed as glucose on dry weight

basis

Total sugars Not more than 1% expressed as glucose on dry weight

basis

ChloridesNot more than 50 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basisSulphatesNot more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basisNickelNot more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basisArsenicNot more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight

basis

## E 420 (ii) — SORBITOL SYRUP

Synonyms D-clucitol syrup

Definition

Chemical name

Sorbitol syrup formed by hydrogenation of glucose syrup is composed of D-sorbitol, D-mannitol and hydrogenated saccharides. The part of the product which is not D-sorbitol is composed mainly of hydrogenated oligosaccharides formed by the hydrogenation of glucose syrup used as raw material (in which case the syrup is non-crystallizing) or mannitol. Minor quantities of glycitols where  $n \le 4$  may be present. Glycitols are compounds with the structural formula  $\mathrm{CH_2OH}\text{-}(\mathrm{CHOH})_{\mathrm{n}}\text{-}\mathrm{CH_2OH}$ , where 'n' is an integer

Einecs 270-337-8 E 420 (ii) E number

Content not less than 69% total solids and not less than Assay

50% of D-sorbitol on the anhydrous basis

Description Clear colourless and sweet tasting aqueous solution

Identification

A. Solubility Miscible with water, with glycerol, and with propane-

1,2-diol

B. Sorbitol monobenzylidene

derivative

To 5 g of the sample add 7 ml of methanol, 1 ml of benzaldehyde and 1 ml of hydrochloric acid. Mix and shake in a mechanical shaker until crystals appear. Filter with the aid of suction, dissolve the crystals in 20 ml of boiling water containing 1 g of sodium bicarbonate, filter while hot. Cool the filtrate filter with suction, wash with 5 ml of methanol-water mixture (1 in 2) and dry in air. The crystals so obtained melt between 173 and 179°C

**Purity** 

Water content Not more than 31% (Karl Fischer method)

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,1% expressed on dry weight basis

Reducing sugars Not more than 0,3% expressed as glucose on dry weight

Chlorides Not more than 50 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Sulphates Not more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Nickel Not more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight

basis

# E 421 — MANNITOL

Heavy metals

**Synonyms** D-mannitol

Definition

Chemical name D-mannitol 200-711-8 Einecs E number E 421 Chemical formula  $C_{6}H_{14}O_{6}$ Relative molecular mass 182,2

Assay Content not less than 96% D-mannitol on the dried basis Description Sweet tasting, white, odourless, crystalline powder

Identification

A. Solubility Soluble

**Purity** 

Loss on drying Not more than 0,3% (105°C, four hours)

Between 5 and 8Add 0,5 ml of a saturated solution of pH

potassium chloride to 10 ml of a 10% w/v solution of the

sample then measure the pH

Specific rotation

Specific rotation in a borated solution calculated with reference to the anhydrous substance is between +23 and

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,1% expressed on dry weight basis

Reducing sugars Not more than 0,3% expressed as glucose on dry weight

basis

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Total sugars Not more than 1% expressed as glucose on dry weight

Chlorides Not more than 70 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Sulphates Not more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Nickel Not more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Lead

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight

basis

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E 953 — ISOMALT

**Synonyms** Hydrogenated isomaltulose, hydrogenated palatinose.

**Definition** 

Chemical name Isomalt is a mixture of hydrogenated mono- and disac-

charides whose principal components are the disacchar-

 $6\text{-O-}\alpha\text{-D-Glucopyranosyl-D-sorbitol}$  (1,6-GPS) and 1-O-

α-D-Glucopyranosyl-D-mannitol dihydrate (1,1-GPM)

Chemical formula 6-O-α-D-Glucopyranosyl-D-sorbitol:  $C_{12}H_{24}O_{11}$ 1-O-α-D-Glucopyranosyl-D-mannitol

dihydrate:  $C_{12}H_{24}O_{11}.2H_2O$ 

Relative molecular mass 6-O-α-D-Glucopyranosyl-D-sorbitol: 344,32

1-O-α-D-Glucopyranosyl-D-mannitol

380.32 dihydrate:

Assay Content not less than 98 % of hydrogenated mono- and disaccharides and not less than 86 % of the mixture of 6-

> O-α-D-Glucopyranosyl-D-sorbitol and 1-O-α-D-Glucopyranosyl-D-mannitol dihydrate determined on the anhy-

drous basis.

Description Odourless, white, slightly hygroscopic, crystalline mass.

Identification

A. Solubility Soluble in water, very slightly soluble in ethanol.

B. Thin layer chromatography Examine by thin layer chromatography using a plate coated with an approximately 0,2 mm layer of chromato-

graphic silica gel. The principal spots in the chromatogram are those of 1,1-GPM and 1,6-GPS.

Purity

Not more than 7 % (Karl Fischer Method) Water content

Not more than 0,05 % expressed on the dry weight basis Sulphated ash

D-Mannitol Not more than 3 % D-Sorbitol Not more than 6 %

Reducing sugars Not more than 0,3 % expressed as glucose on the dry

Nickel Not more than 2 mg/kg expressed on the dry weight

basis

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on the dry weight

basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on the dry weight

basis

Heavy metals (as Pb) Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on the dry weight

basis.

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**E 965 (i)** — **MALTITOL** 

**Synonyms** 

D-maltitol, hydrogenated maltose

**Definition** 

Chemical name (α)-D-glucopyranosyl-1,4-D-glucitol

Einecs209-567-0E numberE 965 (i)Chemical formula $C_{12}H_{24}O_{11}$ Relative molecular mass344,31

Assay Content not less than 98% D-mannitol  $C_{12}H_{24}O_{11}$  on the

anhydrous basis

**Description** Sweet tasting, white crystalline powder

Identification

A. Solubility Very soluble in water, slightly soluble in ethanol

B. Melting range 148 to 151°C

C. Specific rotation  $(\alpha)_D^{20} = +105.5$  to  $+105.5^{\circ}$  (5% w/v solution)

Purity

Water content Not more than 1% (Karl Fischer method)

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,1% expressed on dry weight basis

Reducing sugars Not more than 0,1% expressed as glucose on dry weight

basis

 Chlorides
 Not more than 50 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

 Sulphates
 Not more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

 Nickel
 Not more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

 Arsenic
 Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

 Lead
 Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

 Heavy metals
 Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight

basis

#### E 965 (ii) — MALTITOL SYRUP

Synonyms Hydrogenated high maltose-glucose syrup, hydrogenated glucose syrup

Definition

Chemical name A mixture consisting of mainly maltitol with sorbitol and

hydrogenated oligo- and polysaccharides. It is manufactured by the catalytic hydrogenation of high maltose-content glucose syrup. The article of commerce is supplied

both as a syrup and as a solid product

 Einecs
 270-337-8

 E number
 E 965 (ii)

Assay The following ranges apply on the anhydrous basis:

Maltitol not less than 50% Sorbitol not more than 8%

Maltotriitol not more than 25%

Hydrogenated polysaccharides

containing more than three glucose

or glucitol units not not more than 30%

**Description**Sweet-tasting, colourless and odourless, clear viscous liquids or sweet-tasting white crystalline masses

Identification

A. Solubility Very soluble in water, slightly soluble in ethanol

B. *Thin layer chromatography*Examine by the thin layer chromatography using a plate coated with a 0,25 mm layer of chromatographic silica

gel

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Purity

Water content Not more than 31% (Karl Fischer method)

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,1% expressed on dry weight basis

Reducing sugars Not more than 0,3% expressed as glucose on dry weight

basis

Chlorides Not more than 50 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Sulphates Not more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

eavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight

basis

E 966 — LACTITOL

Synonyms Lactit, lactositol, lactobiosit

**Definition** 

Nickel

Chemical name 4-O-β-D-galactopyranosyl-D-glucitol

Einecs209-566-5E numberE 966Chemical formula $C_{12}H_{24}O_{11}$ Relative molecular mass344,32

Assay Not less than 95% on the dry weight basis

**Description** Sweet-tasting crystalline powders or colourless solutions.

Crystalline products occur in anhydrous, monohydrate

Not more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

and dihydrate forms

Identification

A. *Solubility* Very soluble in water

B. Specific rotation  $(\alpha)_D^{20} = +13$  to  $+16^{\circ}$  calculated on the anhydrous basis

(10% w/v aqueous solution)

Purity

Water content Crystalline products; not more than 10,5% (Karl Fischer

nethod)

Other polyols Not more than 2,5% on the anhydrous basis

Reducing sugars Not more than 0,2% expressed as glucose on dry weight

basis

ChloridesNot more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basisSulphatesNot more than 200 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basisSulphated ashNot more than 0,1% expressed on dry weight basisNickelNot more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basisArsenicNot more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basisLeadNot more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight

basis

E 967 — XYLITOL

Synonyms Xylitol

Definition

Chemical name D-xylitol
Einecs 201-788-0

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E number E 967 Chemical formula C5H12O5 Relative molecular mass 152,15

Assay Not less than 98,5% as xylitol on the anhydrous basis Description White, crystalline powder, practically odourless with a

very sweet taste

Identification

A. Solubility Very soluble in water, sparingly soluble in ethanol

B. Melting range 92 to 96°C

C. pH 5 to 7 (10% w/v aqueous solution)

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 0,5%. Dry 0,5 g of sample in a vacuum

over phosphorus at 60°C for four hours

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,1% expressed on dry weight basis

Reducing sugars Not more than 0,2% expressed as glucose on dry weight

Other polyhydric alcohols Not more than 1% expressed on dry weight basis

Nickel Not more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Lead Heavy metals

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight

basis

Chlorides Not more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 200 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Sulphates

E 950 — ACESULFAME K

**Synonyms** Acesulfame potassium, acesulfam, potassium salt of 3,4dihydro-6-methyl-1,2,3-oxathiazin-4-one-2,2-dioxide

**Definition** 

Chemical name 6-methyl-1,2,3-oxathiazin-4(3H)-one-2,2-dioxide potas-

sium salt

Einecs 259-715-3 E number E 950 Chemical formula C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>SK

Relative molecular mass 201,24

Assay Not less than 99% of C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>SK on the anhydrous basis

Description Odourless, white, crystalline powder having an inten-

sively sweet taste. Aproximately 200 times as sweet as

Identification

A. Solubility Very soluble in water, very slightly soluble in ethanol

Maximum 227  $\pm$  2 nm for a solution of 10 mg in B. Ultra-violet absorption

1 000 ml of water

Purity

Not more than 1% (105°C, two hours) Loss on drying

Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Arsenic Selenium Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Fluoride Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

#### E 951 — ASPARTAME

Synonyms Aspartyl phenylalanine methyl ester

**Definition** 

Chemical name N-L-α-(Aspartyl-L-phenylalanine-1-methyl ester, 3-

 $amino\text{-}N\text{-}(\alpha\text{-}carbomethoxy\text{-}phenethyl)\text{-}succinamic}\quad acid-$ 

N-methyl ester

Einecs245-261-3E numberE 951Chemical formula $C_{14}H_{18}N_2O_5$ Relative molecular mass294,31

Assay Not less than 98% and not more than 102% of

 $C_{14}H_{18}N_2O_5$  on the anhydrous basis

**Description** White, odourless, crystalline powder having a sweet

taste. Approximately 200 times as sweet as sucrose

Identification

Solubility Slightly soluble in water and in ethanol

**Purity** 

Loss on drying Not more than 4,5% (105°C, four hours)

Sulphated ash Not more than 0,2% expressed on dry weight basis

pH Between 4,5 and 6,0 (1 in 125 solution)

Transmittance of a 1% solution in 2N hydrochloric

acid, determined in a 1-cm cell at 430 nm with a suitable spectrophotometer, using 2N hydrochloric acid as a reference, is not less than 0,95, equivalent to an absor-

bance of not more than approximately 0,022

Specific rotation  $(\alpha)_{D}^{20}$ : +14,5 to +16,5°Determine in a 4 in 100/15 N for-

mic acid solution within 30 minutes after preparation of

the sample solution

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight

basis

5-Benzyl-3,6-dioxo-2-piperazineacetic Not more

acid

Not more than 1,5% expressed on dry weight basis

## E 952 — CYCLAMIC ACID AND ITS Na AND Ca SALTS

(I) CYCLAMIC ACID

Synonyms Cyclohexylsulphamic acid, cyclamate

**Definition** 

Chemical name Cyclohexanesulphamic acid, cyclohexylaminosulphonic

acid

Einecs202-898-1E numberE 952Chemical formula $C_6H_{13}NO_3S$ Relative molecular mass179,24

Assay Cyclohexylsulphamic acid contains not less than 98%

and not more than the equivalent of 102% of

C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S, calculated on the anhydrous basis

Description

A practically colourless, white crystalline powder with a sweet-sour taste. Approximately 40 times as sweet as sucrose

#### Identification

A. Solubility

Soluble in water and in ethanol

B. Precipitation test

Acidify a 2% solution with hydrochloric acid, add 1 ml of an approximately molar solution of barium chloride in water and filter if any haze or precipitate forms. To the clear solution add 1 ml of a 10% solution of sodium nitrite. A white precipitate forms.

#### **Purity**

Loss on drying

Not more than 1% (105°C, one hour)

Selenium

Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed as selenium on dry

weight basis

Lead

Arsenic

Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight

Heavy metals

Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Cyclohexylamine Dicyclohexylamine

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Aniline

Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

#### SODIUM CYCLAMATE

**Synonyms** 

Cyclamate, sodium salt of cyclamic acid

#### Definition

Chemical name

Sodium cyclohexanesulphamate, sodium cyclohexylsulphamate

Einecs 205-348-9

E 952 E number

Chemical formula C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub>S dihydrate form C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub>S·2H<sub>2</sub>O

Relative molecular mass 201,22 calculated on the anhydrous form237,22 calcu-

lated on the hydrated form

Not les sthan 98% and not more than 102% on the dried Assay basisDihydrate form: not less than 84% on the dried

White, odourless crystals or crystalline powder.

### Description

Approximately 30 times as sweet as sucrose

#### Identification

Solubility

Soluble in water, practically insoluble in ethanol

### **Purity**

Loss on drying

Not more than 1% (105°C, one hour)Not more than 15,2% (105°C, two hours) for the dihydrate form

Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed as selenium on dry

Selenium weight basis Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Heavy metals Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight

Cyclohexylamine Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Dicyclohexylamine Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Aniline Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

# (III) CALCIUM CYCLAMATE

**Synonyms** 

Cyclamate, calcium salt of cyclamic acid

Definition

Chemical name Calcium cyclohexanesulphamate, calcium cyclohexyl-

sulphamate

Einecs 205-349-4 E number E 952

Chemical formula C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>24</sub>CaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O

Relative molecular mass 432,57

Not less than 98% and not more than 10% on the dried Assav

Description White, colourless crystals or crystaline powder.

Approximately 30 times as sweet as sucrose

Identification

Solubility Soluble in water, sparingly soluble in ethanol

**Purity** 

Not more than 1% ( $105^{\circ}$ C, one hour)Not more than Loss on drying

8,5% (140°C, four hours) for the dihydrate form

Selenium Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed as selenium on dry

weight basis

Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Arsenic Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Heavy metals

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight

Cyclohexylamine Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Dicyclohexylamine Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Aniline Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

### E 954 — SACCHARIN AND ITS Na. K AND Ca SALTS

#### SACCHARIN

#### Definition

Chemical name 3-oxo-2,3dihydrobenzo(d)isothiazol-1,1-dioxide

Einecs 201-321-0 E 954 E number Chemical formula C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S Relative molecular mass 183,18

Not less than 99% and not more than 101,0% of Assav

C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S on the anhydrous basis

Description White crystals or a white crystalline powder, odourless

> or with a faint, aromatic odour having a sweet taste even in very dilute solutions. Approximately between

300 and 500 times as sweet as sucrose

Identification

Solubility Slightly soluble in water, soluble in basic solutions,

sparingly soluble in ethanol

**Purity** 

Loss on drying Not more than 1% (105°C, two hours)

226 to 230°C Melting range

Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Selenium Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Lead Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Heavy metals

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

Sulphated ash

Not more than 0,2% expressed on dry weight basis

Benzoic and salicylic acid

To 10 ml of a 1 in 20 solution, previously acidified with five drops of acetic acid, add three drops of an approximately molar solution of ferric chloride in water. No precipitate or violet colour appears

o-Toluenesulphonamide
p-Toluenesulphonamide
Benzoic acid p-sulfonamide
Readily carbonizable

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 25 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Saccharin, sodium salt of saccharin

Absent

(II) SODIUM SACCHARIN

Chemical name

substances

Synonyms

Definition

ntion

Sodium o-benzosulphimide, sodium salt of 2,3-dihydro-3-oxobenzisosulfonazole, oxobenzisosulfonazole, 1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one-1, 1-dioxide sodium salt dihydrate

 Einecs
 204-886-1

 E number
 E 954

Chemical formula  $C_7H_4NNaO_3S\cdot 2H_2O$ 

Relative molecular mass 241,19

Assay

Not less than 99% and not more than 101% of  $C_*H_4NNaO_3S$  on the anhydrous basis

White crystals or a white crystalline efflorescent powder, odourless or with a faint, odour, hvaing an intensely sweet taste, even in very dilute solutions. Approximately between 300 and 500 times as sweet as sucrose in dilute solutions

Description

Identification

Solubility

Freely soluble in water, sparingly soluble in ethanol

Purity

Loss on drying

Arsenic Selenium Lead

Heavy metals

Benzoic and salicylic acid

o-Toluenesulphonamide
p-Toluenesulphonamide
Benzoic acid p-sulfonamide
Readily carbonizable substances

Not more than 15% (120°C, four hours)

Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

To 10 ml of a 1 in 20 solution, previously acidified with five drops of acetic acid, add three drops of an approximately molar solution of ferric chloride in water. No precipitate or violet colour appears

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 25 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Absent

(III) CALCIUM SACCHARIN

Synonyms

Saccharin, calcium salt of saccharin

**Definition** 

Chemical name

Calcium o-benzosulphimide, calcium salt of 2,3-dihydro-3-oxobenzisosulphonazole, 1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one-1,1-dioxide calcium salt hydrate (2:7)

Einecs 229-349-0

E number

Chemical formula

Relative molecular mass

Assay

Description

Identification

Solubility

Purity

Loss on drying

Arsenic Selenium Lead

Heavy metals

Benzoic and salicylic acid

o-Toluenesulphonamide
p-Toluenesulphonamide
Benzoic acid p-sulfonamide

Readily carbonizable substances

(IV) POTASSIUM SACCHARIN

Synonyms

Definition

Chemical name

Einecs E number

Chemical formula

Relative molecular mass

Assay

Description

Identification

Solubility

Purity

Loss on drying

Arsenic Selenium Lead

Heavy metals

E 954

C14H2CaN2O6S231/2H2O

467,48

Not less than 95% of  $C_{14}H_8CaN_2O_6S_2$  on the anhydrous

basis

White crystals or a white crystalline powder, odourless or with a faint odour, having an intensely sweet taste, even in very dilute solutions. Approximately between 300 and 500 times as sweet as sucrose in dilute solu-

tions

Freely soluble in water, soluble in ethanol

Not more than 13,5% (120°C, four hours)

Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight basis

To 10 ml of a 1 in 20 solution, previously acidified with five drops of acetic acid, add three drops of an approximately molar solution of ferric chloride in water. No precipitate or violet colour appears

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 25 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Absent

Saccharin, potassium salt of saccharin

Potassium o-benzosulphimide, potassium salt of 2,3-dihydro-3-oxobenzisosulphonazole, potassium salt of 1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one-1,1-dioxide monohydrate

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C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>4</sub>KNO<sub>3</sub>S·H<sub>2</sub>O

239,77

basis

Not less than 99% and not more than 101% of  $C_{\tau}H_{A}KNO_{s}S$  on the anhydrous basis

White crystals or a white crystalline powder, odourless or with a faint odour, having an intensely sweet taste, even in very dilute solutions. Approximately between 300 and 500 times as sweet as sucrose

Freely soluble in water, sparingly soluble in ethanol

Not more than 8% (120°C, four hours)

Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight Benzoic and salicylic acid

To 10 ml of a 1 in 20 solution, previously acidified with five drops of acetic acid, add three drops of an approximately molar solution of ferric chloride in water. No precipitate or violet colour appears

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

o-Toluenesulphonamide p-Toluenesulphonamide Benzoic acid p-sulfonamide

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Not more than 25 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Readily carbonizable substances

Absent

#### E 957 — THAUMATIN

# **Synonyms**

#### **Definition**

Chemical name

Thaumatin is obtained by aqueous extraction (pH 2,5 to 4) of the arils of the fruit of the natural strain of Thaumatococcus daniellii (Benth) and consists essentially of the proteins thaumatin I and thaumatin II together with minor amounts of plant constituents derived from the source material

Einecs 258-822-2 E number E 957

Chemical formula Polypeptide of 207 aminoacids

Thaumatin I 22209Thaumatin II 22293 Relative molecular mass

Assay Not less than 16% nitrogen on the dried basis equivalent

to not less than 94% proteins (N×5,8)

Description Odourless, cream-coloured powder with an intensely

sweet taste. Approximately 2 000 to 3 000 times as sweet

as sucrose

Identification

Solubility Very soluble in water, insoluble in acetone

**Purity** 

Not more than 9% (105°C to constant weight) Loss on drying Not more than 3% expressed on dry weight basis Carbohydrates Sulphated ash Not more than 2% expressed on dry weight basis

Aluminium Not more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis Arsenic Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Microbiological criteria Total aerobic microbial count: Max 1 000/g E. Coli:

absent in 1 g

## E 959 — NEOHESPERIDINE DIHYDROCHALCONE

**Synonyms** Neohesperidin dihydrochalcone, NHDC, hesperetin dihydrochalcone-4'-β-neohesperidoside, neohesperidin DC

**Definition** 

Chemical name 2-O-α-L-rhamnopyranosyl-4'-β-D-glucopyranosyl

hesperetin dihydrochalcone; obtained by catalytic hydro-

genation of neohesperidin

Einecs 243-978-6 E 959 E number Chemical formula C28H36O15 Relative molecular mass 612,6

Content not less than 96% on the dried basis Assay

# Description

Off white, odourless, crystalline powder having a characteristic, intensive sweet taste. Approximately between 1 000 and 1 800 times as sweet as sucrose

#### Identification

A. Solubility

B. Ultraviolet absorption maximum

C. Neu's test

Purity

Loss on drying

Sulphated ash

Arsenic Lead

Heavy metals

Freely soluble in hot water, very slightly soluble in cold water, practically insoluble in ether and benzene

282 to 283 nm for a solution of 2 mg in 100 ml methanol

Dissolve about 10 mg of neohesperidine DC in 1 ml methanol, add 1 ml of a 1% 2-aminoethyl diphenyl borate methanolic solution. A bright yellow colour is produced

Not more than 11% (105°C, three huors)

Not more than 0,2% expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed as Pb on dry weight

basis