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Diethyltoluamide Topical Solution

DEFINITION

Diethyltoluamide Topical Solution is a solution of Diethyltoluamide in Alcohol or Isopropyl Alcohol. It contains NLT 92.0% and NMT 108.0% of the labeled amount of the *meta*-isomer of diethyltoluamide ($C_{12}H_{17}NO$). If it contains Alcohol, NLT 95.0% and NMT 105.0% of the labeled amount of alcohol (C_2H_5OH) is present.

IDENTIFICATION

Change to read:

- **A.** ▲ [SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS \(197\)](#), [Infrared Spectroscopy: 197S](#) ▲ (CN 1-MAY-2020)

Sample solution: Nominally 20 mg/mL of diethyltoluamide in carbon disulfide prepared as follows. Transfer a quantity of Topical Solution, equivalent to 200 mg of diethyltoluamide, into a beaker. Place the beaker into a vacuum oven containing silica gel and calcium chloride, and adjusted to a pressure of about 380 mm of mercury, and heat at 35° for 6 h. Transfer the residue with the aid of carbon disulfide to a 10-mL volumetric flask, and add carbon disulfide to volume.

Analysis: Spectral region between 8 and 15 μm

Acceptance criteria: Meets the requirements

- **B.** The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.

ASSAY

PROCEDURE

Solution A: 1 mL of phosphoric acid in 1000 mL of water

Mobile phase: Methanol and *Solution A* (45:55)

Diluent: Methanol and water (45:55)

System suitability solution: 0.2 mg/mL of [USP Diethyltoluamide RS](#) (*m*-isomer) and 0.02 mg/mL of [USP Diethyltoluamide Related Compound A RS](#) in *Diluent*. [NOTE—[USP Diethyltoluamide Related Compound A RS](#) is the *p*-isomer of diethyltoluamide.]

Standard solution: 0.2 mg/mL of [USP Diethyltoluamide RS](#) in *Diluent*

Sample solution: Nominally 0.2 mg/mL of diethyltoluamide in *Diluent*

Chromatographic system

(See [Chromatography \(621\)](#), [System Suitability](#).)

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 235 nm

Column: 4.6-mm \times 15-cm; 3.5- μm packing L1

Flow rate: 1 mL/min

Injection volume: 10 μL

System suitability

Samples: *System suitability solution* and *Standard solution*

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 1.5 between diethyltoluamide (*m*-isomer) and diethyltoluamide (*p*-isomer), *System suitability solution*

Tailing factor: NMT 2.0, *Standard solution*

Relative standard deviation: NMT 1.0%, *Standard solution*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of the *m*-isomer of diethyltoluamide ($C_{12}H_{17}NO$) in the portion of Topical Solution taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$$

r_U = peak response from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response from the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

C_U = nominal concentration in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

Acceptance criteria: 92.0%–108.0%

OTHER COMPONENTS

- [ALCOHOL DETERMINATION \(611\)](#) (if present): 29.0%–89.0% of alcohol (C₂H₅OH) is found.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers.
- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).**

[USP Diethyltoluamide RS](#)

[USP Diethyltoluamide Related Compound A RS](#)

N,N-Diethyl-4-toluamide.

C₁₂H₁₇NO 191.27

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