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50 Purity

(1) Chloride—Dissolve 0.70 g in water to make 20 mL. Add 30 mL of dilute nitric acid to
this solution, allow to stand for 30 minutes and filter. To 10 mL of the filtrate add water
to make 50 mL, and perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare
the control solution using 0.40 mL of 0.01 M hydrochloric acid Standard Solution for
Volumetric Analysis, add 6 mL of dilute nitric acid and water to make 50 mL. Filter both
solutions if necessary.

57 Add 1 mL of a 17 g/L solution of silver nitrate to the test solution and the control 58 solution. Allow to stand protected from light for 5 min. Any opalescence in the test 59 solution is not more intense than that in the control solution (not more than 0.10 %).

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(2) Disodium edetate—Dissolve 1.00 g in 50 mL of water, add 5 mL of pH 10.7
ammonia—ammonium chloride buffer solution and titrate with 0.01 M magnesium
chloride Standard Solution for Volumetric Analysis until the color of the solution
changes from blue to red-violet (indicator: 0.04 g of eriochrome black T-Sodium
chloride indicator): it is not more than 3.0 mL (not more than 1.0 %).

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67 (3) Nitrilotriacetic acid—Conduct this procedure using light-resistant vessels. Dissolve 0.100 g of Calcium Sodium Edetate in diluting solution to make exactly 25 mL, and use 68 69 this solution as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve 40.0 mg of nitrilotriacetic acid 70in diluting solution to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet 1 mL of this solution, add 0.1 mL of 71the sample solution, then add diluting solution to make exactly 100 mL, and use this 72solution as the standard solution. Filter the sample solution and standard solution, and 73perform the test with exactly 20 µL each of the sample solution and standard solution as 74directed under Liquid Chromatography according to the following conditions, and 75determine the peak areas, AT and As, of nitrilotriacetic acid in each solution: AT is not 76 larger than As (not more than 0.1 %).

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Diluting solution: Dissolve 10.0 g of iron (III) sulfate pentahydrate in 20 mL of 0.5 M
solution of sulfuric acid and 780 mL of water, adjust to pH 2.0 with 1 M solution of
sodium hydroxide, and add water to make 1000 mL.

- 81 Operating conditions—
- 82 Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: 273 nm).

83 Column: A stainless steel column 4.6 mm in inside diameter and 10 cm in length,

packed with graphite carbon for liquid chromatography (mean pore size: 25 nm, specific
 surface: 120 m²/g, 5 μm in particle diameter).

86 Column temperature: A constant temperature of about 40°C.

Mobile phase: Dissolve 50.0 mg of iron (III) sulfate pentahydrate in 50 mL of 0.5 M
solution of sulfuric acid, add 750 mL of water, adjust to pH 1.5 with 0.5 M solution of
sulfuric acid or 1 M solution of sodium hydroxide, and add 20 mL of ethylene glycol and

water to make 1000 mL.

- Flow rate: 1.0 mL per minute (the retention time of nitrilotriacetic acid is about 5
 minutes).
- 93 System suitability—
- 94 Test for required detectability: When perform the test with 20 μ L of the standard
- solution under the above operating conditions, the SN ratio of the peak of nitrilotriaceticacid is not less than 50.
- 97 System performance: When the procedure is run with 20 µL of the standard solution
- 98 under the above operating conditions, nitrilotriacetic acid and edetic acid are eluted in
- 99 this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 7.
- 100 System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times with 20 μ L of the standard

101 solution under the above operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of the 102 peak area of nitrilotriacetic acid is not more than 1.0 %.

Water 5.0–13.0 % (0.2 g, Karl Fischer method, Direct titration)

106 Assay Weigh accurately about 0.5 g and dissolve in water to make exactly 200 mL. 107 Pipet 20 mL of this solution, add 80 mL of water, adjust with dilute nitric acid to a pH of 108 2 to 3 and titrate with 0.01 M bismuth nitrate Standard Solution for Volumetric 109 Analysis until the color of the solution changes from yellow to red (indicator: 2 drops of 110 xylenol orange TS).

 $\begin{array}{ll} 112 & \mbox{Each mL of } 0.01 \mbox{ M bismuth nitrate Standard Solution for Volumetric Analysis} \\ 113 & \mbox{= } 3.743 \mbox{ mg of } C_{10} H_{12} Ca N_2 Na_2 O_8. \\ 114 & \end{array}$

Reagent

119 Potassium pyroantimonate TS

120 Dissolve 2 g of potassium pyroantimonate in 95 mL of hot water. Cool quickly and add 121 a solution containing 2.5 g of potassium hydroxide in 50 mL of water and 1 mL of 85 g/L 122 solution of sodium hydroxide. Allow to stand for 24 h, filter and dilute to 150 mL with 123 water.

125 Nitrilotriacetic acid

126 Nitrilotriacetic acid C₆H₉NO₆

127 A white crystalline powder. Melting point: about 240°C (with decomposition).

128 Identification—Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of nitrilotriacetic acid as 129 directed in the paste method under Infrared Spectrophotometry: it exhibits absorption

at the wave numbers of about 1718 cm^{-1} , 1243 cm^{-1} , 1205 cm^{-1} , 968 cm^{-1} , 903 cm^{-1} , 746 cm^{-1} and 484 cm^{-1} .

132 Loss on drying: not more than 0.5 % (1 g, 105°C, 3 hours).

133 Content: not less than 97.0 %.

134 Assay—Weigh accurately about 0.2 g of nitrilotriacetic acid, dissolve in 50 mL of

135 water by heating, and titrate after cooling with 0.1 M sodium hydroxide Standard

136 Solution for Volumetric Analysis (potentiometric titration). Perform a blank

137 determination in the same manner, and make any necessary correction.

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139Each mL of 0.1 M sodium hydroxide Standard Solution for Volumetric Analysis

 $140 = 9.557 \text{ mg of } C_6H_9NO_6$