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1 Scope

This standard specifies the product classification, requirements, test methods, inspection rules and markings, packaging, transportation and storage of gamma- polyglutamic acid.

This standard applies to gamma-polyglutamic acid, which is produced by microbial fermentation with starch, starch sugar or sucrose as the main raw material and is used as a cosmetic or agriculture raw material. The product form is gamma- polyglutamic acid hydrogen-type and sodium-type homolog of different degrees of substitution.

2 Normative references

The following documents are essential to the application of this document. For the dated documents, only the versions with the dates indicated are applicable to this document; for the undated documents, only the latest version (including all the amendments) are applicable to this standard.

GB/T 191 Packaging - Pictorial marking for handling of goods

GB/T 603 Chemical reagent - Preparations of reagent solution for use in test method

GB/T 6284 Chemical products for industrial use - General method for determination of water content - The loss of mass on drying method

GB/T 6679 General rules for sampling solid chemical products

GB/T 6682 Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods

GB/T 9724 Chemical reagent - General rule for the determination of pH

GB/T 23349 Ecological index of arsenic, cadmium, lead, chromium and mercury for fertilizers

QB/T 4416 Cosmetic ingredients - Sodium hyaluronate

3 Chemical name, molecular formula, structural

The preparations and products required in the test are prepared in accordance with GB/T 603, unless otherwise specified.

6.2 Sensory inspection

At room temperature and no direct sunlight, take the specimen and place it in a clean white porcelain plate; perform the visual inspection.

6.3.1 Summary of method

The sodium sulfate solution is used as the mobile phase, to detect the ultraviolet absorption values of gamma-polyglutamic acid standard solutions of different contents.

The content of polyglutamic acid is determined by high performance liquid chromatography.

6.3.2 Reagents and materials

6.3.2.1

Water

Grade I water in GB/T 6682.

6.3.2.2

Anhydrous sodium sulfate

Chromatographically pure.

6.3.2.3 Sodium sulfate solution (0.3 mol/L)

Weigh 42.6 g of anhydrous sodium sulfate; use water to dissolve it to make its volume reach to 1 L; use acetic acid to adjust the pH to 4.0; use with microporous membrane filter which has a pore size of 0.22 μm to filter it.

Ultrasonically degas it for 15 min.

6.3.2.4 gamma-polyglutamic acid standard: content (on a dry basis) $\geq 99.0\%$.

Note: Select polyglutamic acid standards with suitable average molecular weight range according to the product.

6.3.2.5 Standard stock solution of gamma-polyglutamic acid (10.0 mg/mL)

Weigh out 1.000 g of gamma-polyglutamic acid; use mobile phase to dissolve it and make its volume reach to 100 mL. The shelf life is 1 week at 4 °C.

6.3.2.6 Standard working solution of gamma-polyglutamic acid (1.0 mg/mL)

Pipette 10.0 mL of gamma-polyglutamic acid standard stock solution into a 100 mL volumetric flask; make its volume reach to 100 mL. This standard solution shall be prepared before use.

6.3.3 Equipment

Laboratory and the following instruments are applicable to this standard.

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6. 6.2.4 Dextran standards: Chromatographically pure, which has a molecular weight of 5900 u; 11800 u; 22800 u; 47300 u; 112000 u; 212000 u; 404000 u;

788000 u, respectively.

6.6.2.5 Dextran standard solution

Use dextran standards as molecular weight standards. Respectively weigh 8 kinds of chromatographic pure dextran standards of different molecular weights, each 0.05 g. Dissolve it. Transfer it into a 50 mL volumetric flask to make it reach the volume.

6.6.3 Equipment

Laboratory and the following instruments are applicable to this standard.

High performance liquid chromatography: Equipped with a refractive index detector.

6.6.4.1 Chromatographic column: Gel chromatography column (7.8 mm x 300

mm, or a gel chromatography column with equivalent effect and specifications).

6.6.4.2 Detection column temperature: 30 °C.

6.6.4.3 Detector: Differential refractive index detector.

6.6.4.4 Flow rate: 0.5 mL/min.

6.6.4.5 Injection volume: 20 µL.

6.6.5.1 Drawing of standard curve

The 8 dextran standard solutions of different average molecular weights are filtered through a 0.22 µm microporous filter membrane, respectively. Turn on

6.8.2 gamma-polyglutamic acid for agriculture

According to the method specified in GB/T 23349.

7.1 Batch

The products are inspected in batches. The products manufactured by one time production forms 1 batch.

7.2 Sampling

It is performed according to GB/T 6679. The sampling size is 30 g. Mix the sampled products uniformly. Then divide it into two parts. One part is used for inspection; the other part is retained for reference.

7.3 Exit-factory inspection

7.3.1

Each batch of products shall be qualified by the quality inspection department of the manufacturer in accordance with this standard and exit- factory after being attached with a certificate of conformity.

7.3.2

The exit-factory inspection items of gamma-polyglutamic acid for cosmetics are sensory indicators, gamma-polyglutamic acid content, pH, loss on drying, molecular weight, light transmittance, total number of colonies. The exit-factory inspection items of gamma-polyglutamic acid for agriculture are sensory indicators, of gamma- polyglutamic acid for content, pH, loss on drying.