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FOREWORD

This Indian Standard was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards after the draft finalized by the Homoeopathy Sectional Committee had been approved by the Ayush Division Council.

Alfalfa is a perennial herb of the family Fabaceae. It is 0.3 m to 1.0 m high, with deep roots and pale lavender to deep violet flowers. It is a native of the Mediterranean region and Central and West Asia and is grown and cultivated throughout India. It contains acids, alkaloids, essential amino acids, saponins, magnesium, phosphorus, silicon, Sodium, vitamins A, B₁, B₂, B₁₂, E, D, and K. It is used for making Mother tincture, dilutions or potencies in Homoeopathy, and as an ingredient for formulations in traditional systems of medicine.

Aalfalfa is synonymous with Lucerne. Some of the regional names are *Vilayti-gawuth*, *Lasunghas* (Hindi), *Vilayati-gavat* (Marathi), *Vilayti-ghas* (Gujarati), *Lusan* (Punjabi), *Vilayati – hullu* (Kannada).

The standard is one of the series of standards being brought out on ingredients used in formulations of traditional medicine for the advantage of researchers, academicians, students, clinical practitioners, and drug manufacturers.

In formulating this standard, significant assistance has been derived from Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia of India, Vol. II, 1974, Vol. X, 2013 published by the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India. Inputs have also been derived from the information available in the public domain in print and electronic media, including authoritative books.

Also, due consideration has been given to the provisions of the *Drug and Cosmetics Act*, 1940 and the Rules 1945, framed thereunder, including the latest amendments. In case of any disparity, this standard is subject to the restrictions imposed under these Rules and Regulations, wherever applicable.

The composition of the Committee responsible for the formulation of this standard is given in [Annex D](#).

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2 : 2022 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (*second revision*)'. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

Indian Standard

ALFALFA (*Medicago Sativa* L.) FOR USE IN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE — SPECIFICATION

1 SCOPE

This standard prescribes the specific requirements and testing methods for *Alfalfa*, which consists of the whole plant excluding roots of *Medicago sativa* L.; Syn. *Medica sativa* L. (Family-Fabaceae).

2 REFERENCES

The standards listed in [Annex A](#) contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on these standards are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of these standards.

3 REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Description

3.1.1 Macroscopic Examination of Alfalfa Whole Plant Excluding Roots

The dried stem is hollow, ridged, up to 5 mm diameter, stipules ovate-lanceolate, toothed; leaves are 1.5 cm to 3 cm long, whole, folded, margin serrate in the upper part, apex acute, upper surface glabrous, lower surface with scattered long, whitish hairs; violet flower; slightly pungent odour and slightly sweet taste.

3.1.2 Microscopic Examination of Alfalfa Whole Plant Excluding Roots

Transverse section (TS) of leaflet shows single layered epidermis with wavy anticlinal walls, upper epidermal cells slightly smaller than the lower epidermal cells; stomata anisocytic and anomocytic present on both the surfaces; trichomes of two types, (i) Non-glandular, uniseriate trichomes with two short basal cells and a long terminal cell with strongly warty cuticle, numerous on lower surface and a few on upper surface ([Fig 1A](#)), and (ii) glandular clavate trichomes: consisting of a stalk cell, an intermediate cell and a terminal cell, with rounded head of two to four cells, numerous on undersurface; mesophyll differentiated into 1 to 2 layers of palisade and 5 to 6 layers of spongy parenchyma, midrib with prominent bulge on the

abaxial surface; palisade continuous in the midrib region; ground tissue parenchymatous with single conjoint, collateral vascular bundle encapped by sclerenchymatous sheath and enclosed by crystal sheath containing solitary prism of calcium oxalate in each cell; stomatal index 12.5 to 17 upper and 16 to 37.2 lower; palisade ratio 3.25 to 4.75; vein islet number 22 to 37 per sq. mm.

TS of petiole ([Fig 1B](#)) shows slightly triangular in outline, single layered epidermis; trichomes as on leaf; epidermis followed by 2 to 3 layers of collenchymatous hypodermis; ground tissue parenchymatous with three vascular bundles, a median large bundle, and two small lateral bundles, vascular bundle conjoint, collateral, encapped with sclerenchymatous sheath on lower side; prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate in parenchymal cells of size 3 μ m to 5 μ m \times 2 μ m to 5 μ m.

The young stems are almost quadrangular in outline on TS ([Fig 1 C](#)); the epidermis is single layered, interrupted by stomata, cells are elongated; the hypodermis is single layered collenchymatous, 2 to 3 layered at angles; cortex chlorenchymatous, containing starch grains and prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate, 5 μ m to 7 μ m \times 4 μ m to 7 μ m; endodermis is distinct, pericycle discontinuous layers of sclerenchymatous cell, vascular bundles are conjoint, collateral, open and arranged in a ring, some of them larger present at corner; pith is large and parenchymatous.

TS of mature stem shows ridges and furrows in outline; epidermis, single layered, followed by hypodermis, chollenchymatous at furrows and collenchymatous at ridges; parenchymatous cortex, containing prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate, 5 μ m to 7 μ m by 4 μ m to 7 μ m; xylem and phloem in a continuous cylinder and surrounded by pericyclic fibers; parenchymatous pith, hollow at maturity.

Vertical section of calyx shows single layered epidermis on both sides, large rectangular, thin-walled epidermal cells, mesophyll 2 to 4 layered of polygonal to oval, thin-walled, parenchymatous cells; contains vascular strands and consists of xylem and phloem; clavate glandular trichomes are present.

The vertical section of the corolla shows a layered epidermis on both sides, covered with thin cuticles; large papillose, thin-walled epidermal cells; mesophyll is 4 to 6 layers of polygonal to oval, thin-walled, parenchymatous cells; contains vascular strands and consists of xylem and the phloem.

Pollen grains are spherical, bi-nucleate, 30 µm to 35 µm in diameter with 3 pores and 3 germinal furrows, exine smooth, and with granular contents.

3.1.3 Powder

Alfalfa dried whole plant without roots powder appears pale green, coarse, with a sweet aromatic odour, and has a sweet-bitter taste. On microscopy, it shows fragments of epidermal cells with wavy or sinuous walls, anomocytic or anisocytic stomata,

broken or entire trichomes, a few non-glandular, uniseriate trichomes with 2 short basal cells and long terminal cells, clavate glandular trichomes; fragments of thin-walled parenchymatous cells, containing prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate, a few groups of palisade cells; tracheary elements with spiral or annular thickening; pollen grains with 3 pores.

3.2 General

3.2.1 *Alfalfa* whole plant, excluding roots, shall be free from extraneous/foreign matter.

3.2.2 *Alfalfa* whole plant excluding roots shall comply with physical, chemical, and microbiological requirements given in [Table 1](#).

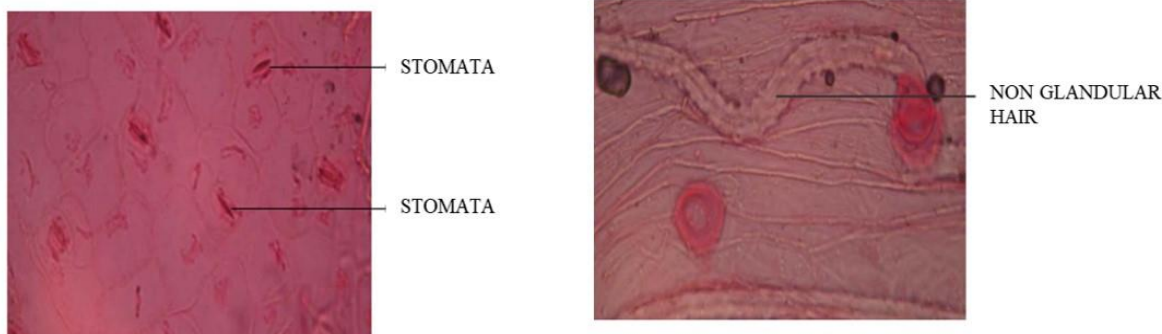


FIG 1. A LEAF SURFACE OF ALFALFA (MEDICAGO SATIVA)

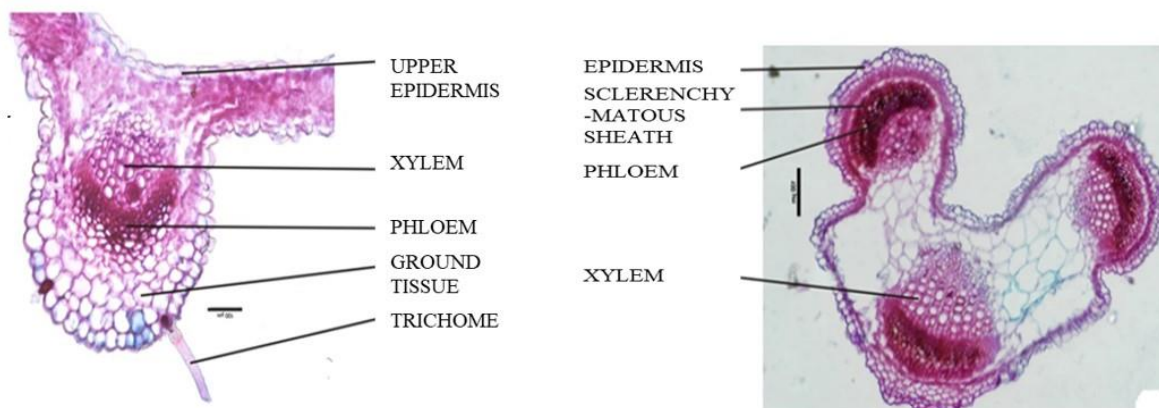


FIG 1. B VERTICAL SECTION THROUGH MIDRIB AND TRANSVERSE SECTION OF PETIOLE OF ALFALFA (MEDICAGO SATIVA)

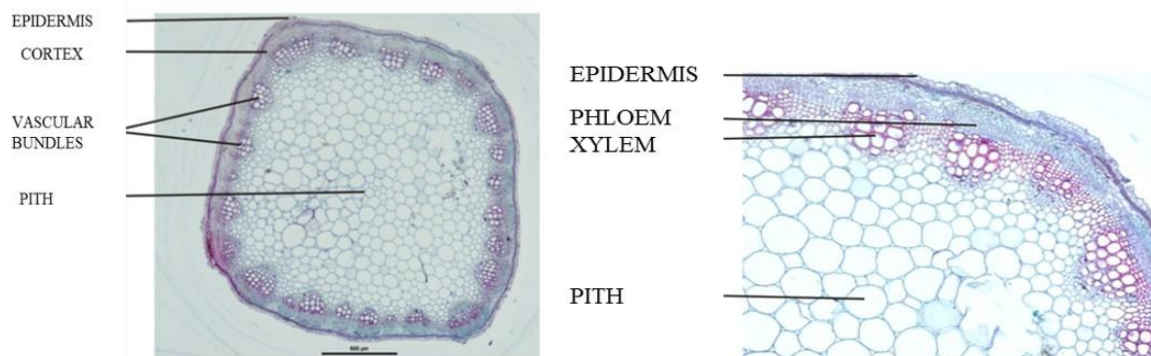


FIG 1. C TRANSVERSE SECTION OF THE YOUNG STEM OF ALFALFA (MEDICAGO SATIVA)

4 PACKING, STORAGE AND MARKING

4.1 Packing

Alfalfa whole plant, excluding roots, shall be packed in clean, sound, and dry containers made of metal, glass, food-grade polymers, wood, or jute bags. The wooden boxes or jute bags shall be suitably lined with moisture-proof lining, which does not impart any foreign smell to the product. The packing material shall be free from any fungal or insect infestation and should not impart any foreign smell. Each container shall be securely closed and sealed.

4.2 Storage

Alfalfa whole plant, excluding roots, shall be stored under conditions that prevent contamination and, as far as possible, deterioration. The storage area shall be clean, well-ventilated, and protected from direct sunlight, moisture, insects, and rodents. A leaflet containing instructions for storage shall be enclosed with each packing.

4.3 Marking

The following particulars shall be legibly and indelibly marked or labeled on each pack of *Alfalfa* plant:

- Name of the material, including part of the plant, botanical name, and trade name or brand name, if any;
- Name and address of the producer or packer, including contact details;
- State and country of production (if known);

- Batch number;
- Net quantity;
- Date of packing (MM/YYYY);
- Date of expiry or use before (MM/YYYY);
- QR code for authentication (optional);
- Instructions for storage; and
- Any other information requested by the buyer, such as the date of harvesting (MM/YYYY) (if known).

The above information, or part of it, may instead appear in the documentation after an agreement between the buyer and the seller.

5 SAMPLING

5.1 Representative material samples shall be drawn and tested for conformity to this specification as prescribed in IS 13145.

5.2 The samples of *Alfalfa* whole plant excluding roots shall be tested to ascertain conformity of the material to the requirements in accordance with the relevant clauses given in col (4) of [Table 1](#).

6 BIS Certification Marking

The product(s) conforming to the requirements of this standard may be certified as per the conformity assessment schemes under the provisions of the *Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016* and the Rules and Regulations framed there under, and the product(s) may be marked with the Standard Mark.

Table 1 Requirements for *Alfalfa (Medicago sativa)* Whole Plant Excluding Roots(Clauses [3.2.2](#) and [5.2](#))

SI No. (1)	Characteristic (2)	Requirement (3)	Method of Test, Ref to (4)
i)	Foreign matter, percent by mass, <i>Max</i>	2	6.2 of IS 4333 (Part 1)
ii)	Loss on drying, percent by mass, <i>Max</i>	12 (for dried herbs) 60 (for fresh herbs)	IS 13859
iii)	Total ash, percent by mass, <i>Max</i>	9	6 of IS 1797
iv)	Acid insoluble ash, percent by mass, <i>Max</i>	3	8 of IS 1797
v)	Alcohol soluble extractive, percent by mass, <i>Min</i>	7	10 of IS 1797
vi)	Water soluble extractive, percent by mass, <i>Min</i>	18	11 of IS 1797
vii)	Thin layer chromatograph identification	Should comply	Annex B
viii)	Aflatoxin B ₁ , ng/kg, <i>Max</i>	2	IS 16287
ix)	Total aflatoxin ng/kg, <i>Max</i> (B ₁ + B ₂ + G ₁ + G ₂)	5	
x)	Lead (as Pb), mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	10.0	IS 16913
xi)	Arsenic (as As), mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	3.0	
xii)	Cadmium (as Cd), mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.3	
xiii)	Mercury (as Hg), mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	1.0	
xiv)	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , per g	Absent	Annex C
xv)	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> , per g	Absent	Annex C
xvi)	<i>Salmonella Spp.</i> , per g	Absent	Annex C
xvii)	<i>Escherichia coli</i> , per g	Absent	Annex C
xviii)	Total microbial plate count, per g, <i>Max</i>	10 ⁵ for extract and powder 10 ⁷ for plant material	Annex C
xix)	Total yeast and mould, per g, <i>Max</i>	10 ³ for extract and powder 10 ⁵ for plant material	Annex C
xx)	Pesticide residues		
a)	Alachlor, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.02	IS 17924
b)	Aldrin, dieldrin (sum of), mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.05	
c)	Azinphos-methyl, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	1.0	
d)	Bromopropylate, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	3.0	
e)	Chlordane (sum of cis-, trans- and oxythlordane), mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.05	
f)	Chlorfenvinphos, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.5	
g)	Chlorpyrifos, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.2	
h)	Chlorpyrifos-methyl, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.1	
j)	Cypermethrin and isomers, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	1.0	
k)	DDT (sum of p,p'-DDT, o,p'-DDT, p,p'-DDE and p,p'-TDE), mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	1.0	
m)	Deltamethrin, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.5	
n)	Diazinon, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.5	
p)	Dichlorvos, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	1.0	
q)	Dithiocarbamates (as CS ₂), mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	2.0	

SI No. (1)	Characteristic (2)	Requirement (3)	Method of Test, Ref to (4)
r)	Endosulfan (sum of isomers and endosulfan sulphate, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>)	3.0	IS 17924
s)	Endrin, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.05	
t)	Ethion, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	2.0	
u)	Fenitrothion, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.5	
w)	Fenvalerate, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	1.5	
y)	Fonofos, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.05	
z)	Heptachlor (combined residues of heptachlor and its epoxide to be determined and expressed Milled as Heptachlor), mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.05	
aa)	Hexachlorobenzene, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.1	
bb)	Hexachlorocyclohexane isomers (other than γ), mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.3	
cc)	Lindane (γ -Hexachlorocyclohexane), mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.6	
dd)	Malathion, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	1.0	
ee)	Methidathion, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.2	
ff)	Parathion, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.5	
gg)	Parathion Methyl, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.2	
hh)	Permethrin, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	1.0	
jj)	Phosalone, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	0.1	
kk)	Piperonyl butoxide, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	3.0	
mm)	Pirimiphos- methyl, mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	4.0	
nn)	Pyrethrin (sum of), mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	3.0	
pp)	Quintozene (sum of quintozene, pentachloroaniline and methyl pentachlorophenyl sulphide), mg/kg, <i>Max</i>	1.0	

NOTES — Quality of reagent

1 Reagents, including pure chemicals used, shall be of analytical grade.

2 Reagent grade water for laboratory use shall be as per IS 1070.

3 'Pure chemicals' shall mean chemicals that do not contain impurities that affect the analysis results.

ANNEX A

(Clause 2)

LIST OF REFERRED STANDARDS

<i>IS No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>IS No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
IS 1070 : 2023	Reagent grade water — Specification (<i>fourth revision</i>)	IS 16913 : 2018	Methods of test for cosmetics — Determination of heavy metals (arsenic, cadmium, lead and mercury) by atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS)
IS 1797 : 2017	Spices and condiments — Methods of test (<i>third revision</i>)	IS 17924 : 2022	Determination of pesticide residue in herbal materials
IS 4333 (Part 1) : 2018	Methods of analysis for foodgrains: Part 1 refractions (<i>third revision</i>)	IS 16287 : 2015/ ISO 16050 : 2003	Foodstuffs — Determination of aflatoxin B ₁ , and the total content of aflatoxins B ₁ , B ₂ , G ₁ and G ₂ in cereals, nuts and derived products — High performance liquid chromatographic method
IS 13859 : 1993/ ISO 7513 : 1990	Instant tea in solid form — Determination of moisture content (Loss in mass at 103 °C)		
IS 13145 : 2014	Spices and condiments — Methods of sampling (<i>second revision</i>)		

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ANNEX B

[Table 1, Sl No. (vii)]

THIN LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHY OF ALFALFA (*Medicago Sativa* L)**B-1 GENERAL IDENTIFICATION
(REACTION TEST)**

Add 20 ml of ethanol (65 percent v/v) to 2.0 g of powdered herb. Allow to stand for 24 hours with periodic stirring. Filter the extract. Evaporate the extract to dryness, add 1 ml of 5 percent copper sulphate solution and make it alkaline by adding 0.5 ml of sodium hydroxide solution, a bluish green precipitate is formed.

**B- 2 THIN LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHY
(TLC)****B-2.1 Apparatus**

B-2.1.1 *Thin Layer Chromatography with a Pre-coated Silica Gel 60 F254 Plate*

B-2.1.2 *Analytical Balance*

B-2.1.3 *Standard Glassware*

B-2.1.4 *Water Bath*

B-2.2 Reagents

B-2.2.1 *Ethanol* — AR or equivalent grade

B-2.2.2 *Water*

B-2.2. 3 *Ninhydrin reagent*

B-2.3 Procedure**B-2.3.1 Solvent System**

Dissolve Water: ethanol (96 percent v/v) in the ratio of (17 : 63, v/v).

B-2.3.2 Preparation of Hydro-alcoholic extract

To add 5 g of the substance being examined, add 30 ml of alcohol and 20 ml of purified water. Allow standing for twenty-four hours, shake, and filter. Carry out TLC of Hydro-alcoholic extract on silica gel 60 F254 pre-coated plate.

B-2.3.2 Preparation of reference solution

B-2.3.2.1 Dissolve 7 mg of γ -aminobutyric acid in water and dilute to 20 ml with ethanol (96 percent v/v).

B-2.3.2.2 Dissolve 7 mg of leucine in water and dilute to 20 ml with ethanol (96 percent v/v).

B-2.3.3 Estimation

Apply 10 μ l each of the test solutions on a TLC plate as bands of 10 mm. Develop the plate to a distance of 80 mm from the line of application. Dry the plate in the air and examine it under 366 nm. Spray the plate with a solution of ninhydrin reagent. Heat the plate at 110 °C for about 5 min or till the bands are clearly visible. Examine the plate in daylight (Fig 2).

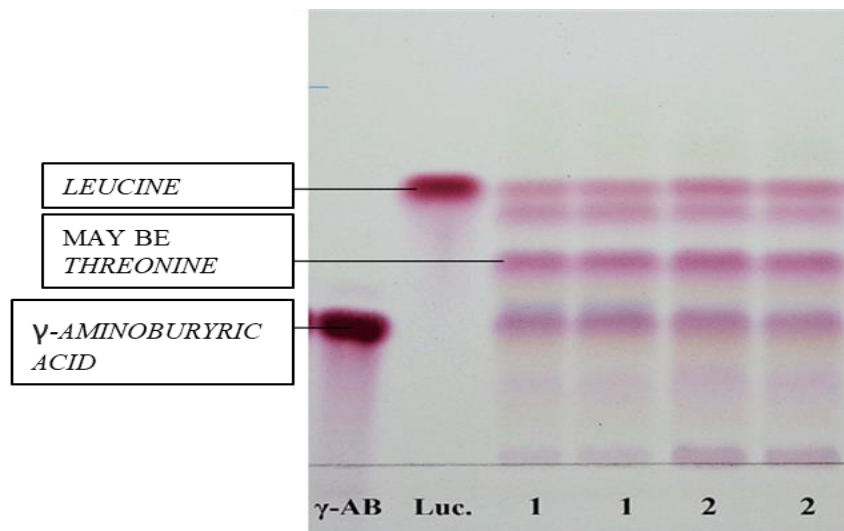


FIG. 2 TLC PROFILE OF ALFALFA RAW DRUG

NOTE — In [Fig. 2](#), Test solutions are 1) *Hydro-alcoholic extract of Alfalfa* and 2) *Hydro-alcoholic extract of Alfalfa (high conc.)*; and Reference solutions are γ -AB: γ -Aminobutyric acid (Reference standard) and Luc: *Leucine* (Reference standard).

ANNEX C

[Table 1, SI No. (xiv), (xv), (xvi), (xvii), (xviii), and (xix)]

MICROBIAL LIMIT TESTS

C-1 GENERAL

The tests are designed for the estimation of the number of viable aerobic microorganisms present and for detecting the presence of designated microbial species in the extract. The term 'growth' is used to designate the presence and presumed proliferation of viable microorganisms.

C-2 APPARATUS**C-2.1 Oven for Dry Sterilization****C-2.2 Autoclave for Wet Sterilization****C-2.3 Incubator****C-2.4 Water Bath****C-2.5 pH Meter**

C-2.6 Sterile Membrane Filters — 50 mm in diameter

C-2.7 Colony Counting Equipment**C-2.8 Analytical Balance****C-2.9 Standard Glassware****C-3 MEDIA**

Culture media may be prepared as given below, or dehydrated culture media may be used provided that, when reconstituted as directed by the manufacturer, they have similar ingredients and/or yield media comparable to those obtained from the formulae given below.

Where agar is specified in a formula, use agar with a moisture content of not more than 15 percent. Where water is called for in a formula, use purified water. Unless otherwise indicated, the media should be sterilized by heating in an autoclave (15 psi) at 121 °C for 15 min. In preparing media by the formulas given below, dissolve the soluble solids in the water, using heat, if necessary, to effect complete solution, add solutions of 0.1 N hydrochloric acid or 0.1 N sodium hydroxide in quantities sufficient to yield the required pH in the medium when it is ready for use. Determine the pH at 25 °C ± 2 °C.

C-3.1 Baird Parker Agar Medium**C-3.1.1 Composition**

Pancreatic digest of casein	10.0 g
Beef extract	5.0 g

Yeast extract	1.0 g
Lithium chloride	5.0 g
Agar	20.2 g
Glycine	12.0 g
Sodium pyruvate	10.0 g
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.1.2 Preparation

Suspend the components in 1 000 ml of water, heat with frequent agitation, and boil for 1 min. Sterilize, cool between 45 °C to 50 °C, and add 10 ml of a one percent w/v solution of sterile potassium tellurite and 50 ml of egg yolk emulsion. Mix thoroughly but gently, and pour into plates. (Prepare the egg yolk emulsion by disinfecting the surface of whole shell eggs, aseptically cracking the eggs, and separating out intact yolks into a sterile graduated cylinder. Add sterile saline solution and get a 3 : 7 ratio of egg yolk to saline. Add to a sterile blender cup and mix at high speed for 5 s). Adjust the pH after sterilization to 6.8 ± 0.2.

C-3.2 Bismuth Sulphite Agar Medium**C-3.2.1 Composition**

Solution (1)

Beef extract	6 g
Peptone	10 g
Agar	24 g
Ferric citrate	0.4 g
Brilliant green	10 mg
Water	1 000 ml

Solution (2)

Ammonium bismuth citrate	3 g
Sodium sulphite	10 g
Anhydrous disodium hydrogen phosphate	5 g
Dextrose monohydrate	5 g
Water	100 ml

C-3.2.2 Preparation

Suspend the components of Solution (1) in 1 000 ml of water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by maintaining at 115 °C for 30 min.

Suspend the components of Solution (2) in 100 ml of water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Do not autoclave.

Add 1 volume of Solution (2) to 10 volumes of Solution (1) previously melted and cooled to a

temperature of 55 °C. Bismuth sulphite agar medium should be stored at 2 °C to 8 °C for 5 days before use.

C-3.3 Brilliant Green Agar Medium

C-3.3.1 Composition

Peptone	10.0 g
Yeast extract	3.0 g
Lactose	10.0 g
Sucrose	10.0 g
Sodium chloride	5.0 g
Phenol red	80.0 g
Brilliant green	12.5 g
Agar	12.0 g
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.3.2 Preparation

Mix the components, allow to stand for 15 min, sterilize by maintaining at 115 °C for 30 min and mix before pouring.

C-3.4 Buffered Sodium Chloride Peptone Solution pH 7.0

C-3.4.1 Composition

Potassium dihydrogen phosphate	3.56 g
Disodium hydrogen phosphate	7.23 g
Sodium chloride	4.30 g
Peptone (meat or casein)	1.0 g
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.4.2 Preparation

Mix the components and heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. 0.1 to 1.0 percent w/v Polysorbate 20 or polysorbate 80 may be added. Sterilize by heating in an autoclave at 121 °C for 15 min.

C-3.5 Casein Soyabean Digest Agar Medium

C-3.5.1 Composition

Pancreatic digest of casein	15.0 g
Papaic digest of soyabean meal	5.0 g
Sodium chloride	5.0 g
Agar	15.0 g
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.5.2 Preparation

Suspend the components in water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize at 121 °C for 15 min in an autoclave and adjust the pH after sterilization to 7.3 ± 0.2.

C-3.6 Cetrinide Agar Medium

C-3.6.1 Composition

Pancreatic digest of gelatin	20.0 g
Magnesium chloride	1.4 g
Potassium sulphate	10.0 g
Cetrinide	0.3 g
Agar	13.6 g
Glycerin	10.0 g
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.6.2 Preparation

Dissolve the components in 1 000 ml of water. Heat to boiling for 1 min with shaking. Sterilize at 121 °C for 15 min in an autoclave and adjust the pH after sterilization to 7.0 to 7.4.

C-3.7 Deoxycholate Citrate Agar Medium

C-3.7.1 Composition

Beef extract	5.0 g
Peptone	5.0 g
Lactose	10.0 g
Trisodium citrate	8.5 g
Sodium thiosulphate	5.4 g
Ferric citrate	1.0 g
Sodium deoxycholate	5.0 g
Neutral red	0.02 g
Agar	12.0 g
Water	1 000 g

C-3.7.2 Preparation

Mix the components and allow to stand for 15 min. Gently boil with continuous stirring and continue boiling until the solution is complete. Cool to 80 °C, mix, pour, and cool rapidly.

Care should be taken not to overheat Deoxycholate Citrate Agar during preparation. It should not be remelted, and the surface of the plates should be dried before use.

C-3.8 Fluid Casein Digest Soya Lecithin Polysorbate 20 Medium

C-3.8.1 Composition

Pancreatic digest of casein	20 g
Soya lecithin	5 g
Polysorbate 20	40 ml
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.8.2 Preparation

Dissolve the pancreatic digest of casein and soya lecithin in water, heating in a water bath at 48 °C to

50 °C for about 30 min to effect solution. Add polysorbate 20, mix, and dispense as desired. Sterilize at 121 °C for 15 min in an autoclave.

C-3.9 Fluid Lactose Medium

C-3.9.1 Composition

Beef extract	3.0 g
Pancreatic digest of gelatin	5.0 g
Lactose	5.0 g
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.9.2 Preparation

Suspend the components in 1 000 ml water. Heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize at 121 °C for 15 min in an autoclave. Cool as quickly as possible after sterilization. Adjust the pH after sterilization to 6.9 ± 0.2 .

C-3.10 Lactose Broth Medium

C-3.10.1 Composition

Beef extract	3.0 g
Pancreatic digest of gelatin	5.0 g
Lactose	5.0 g
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.10.2 Preparation

Suspend the components in water and heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize at 121 °C for 15 min in an autoclave. Adjust the pH after sterilization to 6.9 ± 0.2 .

C-3.11 Levine Eosin Methylene Blue Agar Medium

C-3.11.1 Composition

Pancreatic digest of gelatin	10.0 g
Dibasic potassium phosphate	2.0 g
Agar	15.0 g
Lactose	10.0 g
Eosin Y	400 mg
Methylene blue	65 mg
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.11.2 Preparation

Dissolve the pancreatic digest of gelatin, dibasic potassium phosphate, and agar in water with warming and allow it to cool. Just before use, liquify the gelled agar solution and the remaining ingredients as solutions in the following amounts and mix. For each 100 ml of the liquified agar solution, use 5 ml of a 20 percent w/v solution of lactose, 2 ml of a 2 percent w/v solution of eosin Y, and 2 ml of a 0.33 percent w/v solution of methylene

blue. The finished medium may not be clear. Adjust the pH after sterilization to 7.1 ± 0.2 .

C-3.12 MacConkey Agar Medium

C-3.12.1 Composition

Pancreatic digest of gelatin	17.0 g
Peptone (meat and casein, equal parts)	3.0 g
Lactose	10.0 g
Sodium chloride	5.0 g
Bile salts	1.5 g
Agar	13.5 g
Neutral red	30 mg
Crystal violet	1 mg
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.12.2 Preparation

Boil the mixture of solids and water for 1 min to effect solution. Sterilize at 121 °C for 15 min in an autoclave. Adjust the pH after sterilization to 7.1 ± 0.2 .

C-3.13 MacConkey Broth Medium

C-3.13.1 Composition

Pancreatic digest of gelatin	20.0 g
Lactose	10.0 g
Dehydrated ox bile	5.0 g
Bromocresol purple	10 mg
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.13.2 Preparation

Suspend the components in 1 000 ml of water and heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize at 121 °C for 15 min in an autoclave and adjust the pH to 7.3 ± 0.2 after sterilization.

C-3.14 Mannitol Salt Agar Medium

C-3.14.1 Composition

Pancreatic digest of gelatin	5.0 g
Peptic digest of animal tissue	5.0 g
Beef extract	1.0 g
D-Mannitol	10.0 g
Sodium chloride	75.0 g
Agar	15.0 g
Phenol red	25 mg
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.14.2 Preparation

Mix the components, heat with frequent agitation, and boil for 1 min to effect solution. Sterilize at 121 °C for 15 min in an autoclave and adjust the pH to 7.4 ± 0.2 after sterilization.

C-3.15 Nutrient Broth Medium**C-3.15.1 Composition**

Beef extract	10.0 g
Peptone	10.0 g
Sodium chloride	5 mg
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.15.2 Preparation

Dissolve the components with the aid of heat. Adjust the pH to 8.0 to 8.4 with 5 M sodium hydroxide and boil for 10 min. Filter and sterilize by maintaining at 115 °C for 30 min and adjust pH to 7.3 ± 0.1 .

C-3.16 Nutrient Agar Medium

Nutrient broth gelled by the addition of 1 percent to 2 percent w/v of agar.

C-3.17 Pseudomonas Agar Medium for Detection of Fluorescein**C-3.17.1 Composition**

Pancreatic digest of casein	10.0 g
Peptic digest of animal tissue	10.0 g
Anhydrous dibasic potassium phosphate	1.5 g
Magnesium sulphate hepta hydrate	1.5 g
Glycerin	10.0 ml
Agar	15.0 g
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.17.2 Preparation

Dissolve the solid components in water before adding glycerin. Heat with frequent agitation and boil for 1 min to effect solution. Sterilize at 121 °C for 15 min in an autoclave and adjust the pH to 7.2 ± 0.2 after sterilization.

C-3.18 Pseudomonas Agar Medium for Detection of Pyocyanin**C-3.18.1 Composition**

Pancreatic digest of gelatin	20.0 g
Anhydrous magnesium chloride	1.4 g
Anhydrous potassium sulphate	10.0 g
Agar	15.0 g
Glycerin	10.0 ml
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.18.2 Preparation

Dissolve the solid components in water before adding glycerin. Heat with frequent agitation and boil for 1 min to effect solution. Sterilize at 121 °C for 15 min in an autoclave and adjust the pH to 7.2 ± 0.2 after sterilization.

C-3.19 Sabouraud Dextrose Agar Medium**C-3.19.1 Composition**

Dextrose	40 g
Peptic digest of animal tissue and pancreatic digest of casein (1 : 1)	10 g
Agar	15 g
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.19.2 Preparation

Mix the components and heat to boiling to dissolve completely. Sterilize at 121 °C for 15 min in an autoclave and adjust the pH to 5.6 ± 0.2 after sterilization.

C-3.20 Sabouraud Dextrose Agar Medium with Antibiotics

To 1 000 ml of Sabouraud Dextrose Agar Medium, add 0.1 g of benzylpenicillin sodium and 0.1 g of tetracycline HCl, or alternatively add 50 mg of chloramphenicol immediately before use.

C-3.21 Selenite F Broth**C-3.21.1 Composition**

Peptone	5 g
Lactose	4 g
Disodium hydrogen phosphate	10 g
Sodium hydrogen selenite	4 g
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.21.2 Preparation

Suspend the components in water and mix well. Warm to dissolve the medium completely. Distribute in sterile containers and sterilize by maintaining at 100 °C for 30 min.

C-3.22 Fluid Selenite Cystine Medium**C-3.22.1 Composition**

Pancreatic digest of casein	5.0 g
Lactose	4.0 g
Sodium phosphate	10.0 g
Sodium hydrogen selenite	4.0 g
L-Cystine	10.0 mg
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.22.2 Preparation

Suspend the components in water and heat in flowing steam for 15 min. Adjust the final pH to 7.0 ± 0.2 . Do not sterilize.

C-3.23 Tetrathionate Broth Medium**C-3.23.1 Composition**

Beef extract	0.9 g
Peptone	4.5 g
Yeast extract	1.8 g
Sodium chloride	4.5 g
Calcium carbonate	25.0 g
Sodium thiosulphate	40.7 g
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.23.2 Preparation

Dissolve the solids in 1 000 ml of water and heat the solution to boil. On the day of use, add a solution prepared by dissolving 5 g of potassium iodide and 6 g of iodine in 20 ml of water.

C-3.24 Tetrathionate Bile Brilliant Green Broth Medium**C-3.24.1 Composition**

Peptone	8.6 g
Dehydrated ox bile	8.0 g
Sodium chloride	6.4 g
Calcium carbonate	20.0 g
Potassium tetrathionate	20.0 g
Brilliant green	70 mg
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.24.2 Preparation

Suspend the components in 1 000 ml of water. Heat just to boiling. Do not autoclave or reheat. Adjust the pH so that after heating it is 7.0 ± 0.2 .

C-3.25 Triple Sugar Iron Agar Medium**C-3.25.1 Composition**

Beef extract	3.0 g
Yeast extract	3.0 g
Peptone	20.0 g
Lactose	10.0 g
Sucrose	10.0 g
Dextrose monohydrate	1.0 g
Ferrous sulphate	0.2 g
Sodium chloride	5.0 g
Sodium thiosulphate	0.3 g
Phenol red	24 mg
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.25.2 Preparation

Mix the components in 1 000 ml of water and allow to stand for 15 min. Heat to boiling to dissolve the

medium completely. Mix well, distribute into test tubes, and sterilize by maintaining at 121 °C for 15 min. Allow the medium to stand in a sloped form with a butt about 2.5 cm long.

C-3.26 Urea Broth Medium**C-3.26.1 Composition**

Potassium dihydrogen orthophosphate	9.1 g
Anhydrous disodium hydrogen phosphate	9.5 g
Urea	20.0 g
Yeast extract	0.1 g
Phenol red	10 mg
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.26.2 Preparation

Mix the components, sterilize them by filtration, and distribute them aseptically in sterile containers.

C-3.27 Vogel Johnson Agar Medium**C-3.27.1 Composition**

Pancreatic digest of casein	10.0 g
Yeast extract	5.0 g
Mannitol	10.0 g
Dibasic potassium phosphate	5.0 g
Lithium chloride	5.0 g
Glycerin	10.0 g
Agar	16.0 g
Phenol red	25.0 mg
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.27.2 Preparation

Suspend the components in 1 000 ml of water. Boil the solution of solids for 1 min. Sterilize at 121 °C for 15 min in an autoclave. Cool to 45 °C to 50 °C and add 20 ml of 1 percent w/v sterile solution of potassium tellurite. Adjust the pH after sterilization to 7.0 ± 0.2 .

C-3.28 Xylose Lysine Deoxycholate Agar Medium**C-3.28.1 Composition**

Xylose	3.5 g
l-Lysine	5.0 g
Lactose	7.5 g
Sucrose	7.5 g
Sodium chloride	5.0 g
Yeast extract	3.0 g
Phenol red	80 mg
Agar	13.5 g
Sodium deoxycholate	2.5 g
Sodium thiosulphate	6.8 g
Ferric ammonium citrate	800 mg
Water	1 000 ml

C-3.28.2 Preparation

Suspend the components in 1 000 ml of water. Heat with frequent agitation until the medium boils. Do not overheat or sterilize. Transfer at once to a water bath maintained at about 50 °C and pour into plates as soon as the medium has cooled. Adjust the final pH to 7.4 ± 0.2 .

C-4 SAMPLING

Use 10 ml or 10 g specimens for each test specified in the Indian Standard.

C-5 PRECAUTIONS

The microbial limit tests should be carried out under conditions designed to avoid accidental contamination during the test. The precautions taken to avoid contamination must be that they do not adversely affect any microorganisms that should be revealed in the test.

C-6 PRELIMINARY TESTING

Before doing the tests, inoculate diluted extracts being examined with separate viable cultures of *Escherichia coli*, *Salmonella species*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus*. This is done by adding 1 ml of 24 h broth culture containing not less than 1 000 microorganisms to the first dilution (in buffer solution pH 7.2, fluid soyabean casein digest medium or fluid lactose medium) of the test material and following the test procedure. If the organisms fail to grow in the relevant medium, the procedure should be modified by (a) increasing the volume of diluent with the quantity of test material remaining the same or (b) incorporating a sufficient quantity of a suitable inactivating agent in the diluents, or (c) combining the aforementioned modifications to permit the growth of the organisms in the media. If inhibitory substances are present in the extracts, 0.5 percent of soya lecithin and 4 percent of polysorbate 20 may be added to the culture medium. Alternatively, repeat the test described in the previous paragraph, using fluid casein digest soya lecithin polysorbate 20 medium, to demonstrate neutralization of preservatives or other antimicrobial agents in the test material. Where inhibitory substances are contained in the extracts, and the latter is soluble, the membrane filtration method described under Total Aerobic Microbial Count may be used. If, despite the incorporation of suitable inactivating agents and a substantial increase in the volume of diluent, it is still not possible to recover the viable cultures described above and where the article is not suitable for applying the membrane filtration

method, it can be assumed that the failure to isolate the inoculated organism may be due to the bactericidal activity of the product. This may indicate that the article is not likely to be contaminated with the given species of microorganisms. However, monitoring should be continued to establish the article's spectrum of inhibition and bactericidal activity.

C-7 TOTAL AEROBIC MICROBIAL COUNT

Pre-treat the extracts and raw materials being examined as described below.

NOTE — The raw materials need to be ground as a coarse powder before analysis.

C-7.1 Water Soluble Products

Dissolve 10 g or dilute 10 ml of the extract preparation being examined, unless otherwise specified, in buffered sodium chloride peptone solution pH 7.0 or any other suitable medium shown to have no antimicrobial activity under the conditions of test and adjust the volume to 100 ml with the same medium. If necessary, adjust the pH to about 7.

C-7.2 Products Insoluble in Water (Non-Fatty)

Suspend 10 g or 10 ml of the extract preparation being examined, unless otherwise specified, in buffered sodium chloride peptone solution pH 7.0 or any other suitable medium shown not to have antimicrobial activity under the test conditions and dilute to 100 ml with the same medium. If necessary, divide the preparation being examined and homogenize the suspension mechanically. A suitable surface-active agent, such as 0.1 percent w/v of polysorbate 80, may be added to assist in the suspension of poorly wettable substances. If necessary, adjust the pH of the suspension to about 7.

C-7.3 Fatty Products

Homogenize 10 g or 10 ml of the extract preparation being examined, unless otherwise specified, with 5 g of polysorbate 20 or polysorbate 80. If necessary, heat to not more than 40 °C. Mix carefully while maintaining the temperature in the water bath or in an oven. Add 85 ml of buffered sodium chloride peptone solution pH 7.0 or any other suitable medium shown to have no antimicrobial activity under the test conditions, heated to not more than 40 °C if necessary. Maintain this temperature for the shortest time necessary to form an emulsion and in any case for not more than 30 min. If necessary, adjust the pH to about 7.

C-7.4 Examination of the Sample

Determine the total aerobic microbial count in the extract being examined by any of the following methods.

C-7.5 Membrane Filtration

Use membrane filters 50 mm in diameter and having a nominal pore size not greater than 0.45 µm, the effectiveness of which in retaining bacteria has been established for the type of preparation being examined. Transfer 10 ml or a quantity of each dilution containing 1 g of the preparation being examined to each of the two membrane filters and filter immediately. If necessary, dilute the pretreated extract preparation so that a colony count of 10 to 100 may be expected. Wash each membrane by filtering through it three or more successive quantities, each of about 100 ml, of a suitable liquid such as buffered sodium chloride peptone solution pH 7.0. For fatty substances, add to the liquid polysorbate 20 or polysorbate 80. Transfer one of the membrane filters, intended for the enumeration of bacteria, to the surface of a plate of casein soyabean digest agar and the other, intended for the enumeration of fungi, to the surface of a plate of Sabouraud dextrose agar with antibiotics.

Incubate the plates for 5 days, unless a more reliable count is obtained in shorter time, at 30 °C to 35 °C in the test for bacteria and 20 °C to 25 °C in the test for fungi. Count the number of colonies that are formed. Calculate the number of microorganisms per g or per ml of the extract preparation being examined; if necessary, count bacteria and fungi separately.

C-7.6 Plate Count for Bacteria

Using petri dishes 9 to 10 cm in diameter, add to each dish a mixture of 1 ml of the pretreated extract preparation and about 15 ml of liquified casein soya bean digest agar at not more than 45 °C.

Alternatively, spread the pretreated extract preparation on the surface of the solidified medium in a petri dish of the same diameter. If necessary, dilute the pretreated extract preparation as described above so that a colony count of not more than 300 may be expected. Prepare at least two such petri dishes using the same dilution and incubate at 30 °C to 35 °C for 5 days, unless a more reliable count is obtained in a shorter time. Count the number of colonies that are formed. Calculate the results using plates with the greatest number of colonies but taking 300 colonies per plate as the maximum consistent with good evaluation.

C-7.7 Plate Count for Fungi

Proceed as described in the test for bacteria but use Sabouraud dextrose agar with antibiotics in place of casein soyabean digest agar and incubate the plates at 20 °C to 25 °C for 5 days, unless a more reliable count is obtained in a shorter time. Calculate the results using plates with not more than 100 colonies.

C-7.8 Multiple Tube or Serial Dilution Method

In each of fourteen test tubes of similar size place 9.0 ml of sterile fluid soyabean casein digest medium. Arrange twelve of the tubes in four sets of three tubes each. Put aside one set of three tubes to serve as controls. Into each of three tubes of one set ("100") and into the fourth tube (A), pipette 1 ml of the solution of suspension of the test specimen (extract) and mix. From tube A pipette 1 ml of its contents into the one remaining tube (B) not included in the set and mix. These two tubes contain 100 mg (or 100 µl) and 10 mg (or 10 µl) of the specimen, respectively. Into each of the second set ("10") of three tubes, pipette 1 ml from tube A, and into each tube of the third set ("1"), pipette 1 ml from tube B. Discard the unused contents of tube A and B. Close well and incubate all of the tubes.

Following the incubation period, examine the tubes for growth. The three control tubes remain clear. Observations in the tubes containing the test specimen, when interpreted by reference to [Table 2](#), indicate the most probable number of microorganisms per g or per ml of the test specimen.

C-8 TESTS FOR SPECIFIED MICROORGANISMS

C-8.1 Pre-treatment of the Extract Sample Being Examined

Proceed as described under the test for the total aerobic microbial count but using lactose broth or any other suitable medium is shown to have no antimicrobial activity under the test conditions in place of buffered sodium chloride peptone solution pH 7.0.

C-8.2 *Escherichia coli*

Place the prescribed quantity in a sterile screw-capped container, add 50 ml of nutrient broth, shake, allow to stand for 1 h (4 h for gelatin), and shake again. Loosen the cap and incubate at 37 °C for 18 h to 24 h.

C-8.2.1 Primary Test

Add 1.0 ml of the enrichment culture to a 10 ml MacConkey broth tube and a Durham tube. Incubate

at 42 °C to 44 °C for 24 h to 48 h. If the contents of the tube show acid and gas production in the Durham tube, carry out the secondary test.

C-8.2.2 Secondary Test

Add 0.1 ml of the contents of the tubes containing (a) 5 ml of MacConkey broth and (b) 5 ml of peptone water. Incubate in a water bath at 43.5 °C to 44.5 °C for 24 h and examine tube (a) for acid and gas and tube (b) for indole. To test for indole, add 0.5 ml of Kovac's reagent, shake well and allow to stand for 1 min. If a red colour is produced in the reagent layer indole is present. The presence of acid, gas, and indole in the secondary test indicates the presence of *Escherichia coli*.

Carry out a control test by repeating the primary and secondary tests, adding 1.0 ml of the enrichment culture and a volume of broth containing 10 to 50 *Escherichia coli* (NCTC 9002) organisms, prepared from a 24 h culture in nutrient broth to 5 ml of MacConkey broth. The test is invalid unless the results indicate that the control contains *Escherichia coli*.

C-8.2.3 Alternative Test

By means of an inoculating loop, streak a portion from the enrichment culture (obtained in the previous test) on the surface of the MacConkey agar medium. Cover and invert the dishes and incubate.

Upon examination, if none of the colonies are brick red in colour and have a surrounding zone of precipitated bile the sample meets the requirements of the test for the absence of *Escherichia coli*. If the colonies described above are found, transfer the suspect colonies individually to the surface of Levine eosin methylene blue agar medium, plated on Petri dishes. Cover and invert the plates and incubate. Upon examination, if none of the colonies exhibits both a characteristic metallic sheen under reflected light and a blue-black appearance under transmitted light, the sample meets the requirements of the test for the absence of *Escherichia coli*. The presence of *Escherichia coli* may be confirmed by further suitable cultural and biochemical tests.

C-8.3 *Salmonella*

Transfer a quantity of the pretreated preparation being examined containing 10 g or 10 ml of the product to 100 ml of nutrient broth in a sterile screw-capped jar, shake, allow to stand for 4 h, and shake again. Loosen the cap and incubate at 35 °C to 37 °C for 24 h.

C-8.3.1 Primary Test

Add 1.0 ml of the enrichment culture to each of the two tubes containing (a) 10 ml of selenite F broth and (b) tetrathionate bile brilliant green broth and incubate at 36 °C to 38 °C for 48 h. From each of these two cultures subculture on at least two of the following four agar media: bismuth sulphate agar, brilliant green agar, deoxycholate citrate agar and xylose lysine deoxycholate agar. Incubate the plates at 36 °C to 38 °C for 18 h to 24 h.

Upon examination, if none of the colonies conforms to the description given in [Table 3](#), the sample meets the test requirements for the absence of the genus *Salmonella*. If any colonies conforming to the description in [Table 3](#) are produced, carry out the secondary test.

C-8.3.2 Secondary Test

Subculture any colonies showing the characteristics given in [Table 3](#) in triple sugar iron agar by first inoculating the slope's surface and then making a stab culture with the same inoculating needle and, simultaneously, inoculating a tube of urea broth. Incubate at 36 °C to 38 °C for 18 h to 24 h. The formation of acid and gas in the stab culture (with or without concomitant blackening) and the absence of acidity from the surface growth in the triple sugar iron agar, together with the absence of red color in the urea broth, indicate the presence of *Salmonella*. If acid but no gas is produced in the stab culture, the identity of the organisms should be confirmed by agglutination tests.

Carry out the control test by repeating the primary and secondary tests using 1.0 ml of the enrichment culture and a volume of broth containing 10 to 50 *Salmonella abony* (NCTC 6017) organisms, prepared from a 24 h culture in nutrient broth, for the inoculation of the tubes (a) and (b). The test is invalid unless the results indicate that the control contains *Salmonella*.

C-8.4 *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

Pretreat the preparation being examined as described above and inoculate 100 ml of fluid soyabean casein digest medium with a quantity of the solution, suspension or emulsion thus obtained containing 1 g or 1 ml of the preparation being examined. Mix and incubate at 35 °C to 37 °C for 24 h to 48 h. Examine the medium for growth, and if growth is present, streak a portion of the medium on the surface of the cetrimide agar medium, each plated on petri dishes. Cover and incubate at 35 °C to 37 °C for 18 h to 24 h.

If, upon examination, none of the plates contains colonies having the characteristics listed in [Table 4](#) for the media used, the sample meets the requirement for freedom from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. If any colonies conforming to the description in [Table 4](#) are produced, carry out the oxidase and pigment tests. Streak representative suspect colonies from the agar surface of cetrimide agar on the surfaces of *Pseudomonas* agar medium for detecting fluorescein and *Pseudomonas* agar medium for detecting pyocyanin contained in Petri dishes. Cover and invert the inoculated media and incubate at 33 °C to 37 °C for not less than 3 days. Examine the streaked surfaces under ultraviolet light. Examine the plates to determine whether colonies conforming to the description in [Table 4](#) are present. If growth of suspect colonies occurs, place 2 or 3 drops of a freshly prepared 1 percent w/v solution of N,N,N1,N1-tetramethyl-4-phenylenediamine dihydrochloride on filter paper and smear with the colony. If there is no development of a pink color, changing to purple, the sample meets the test requirements for the absence of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

C-8.5 *Staphylococcus aureus*

Proceed as described under *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, if upon examination of the incubated plates, none of them contains colonies having the characteristics listed in for the media used, the sample meets the requirements for the absence of *Staphylococcus aureus*. If growth occurs, carry out the coagulase test. Transfer representative suspect colonies from the agar surface of any of the media listed in [Table 5](#) to individual tubes, each containing 0.5 ml of mammalian, preferably rabbit or horse, plasma with or without additives.

C-8.6 Validity of the Tests for Total Aerobic Microbial Count

Grow the following test strains separately in tubes

containing fluid soyabean casein digest medium at 30 °C to 35 °C for 18 h to 24 h or, for *Candida albicans*, at 20 °C for 48 h.

Staphylococcus aureus (ATCC 6538; NCTC 10788)
Bacillus subtilis (ATCC 6633; NCIB 8054)
Escherichia coli (ATCC 8739; NCIB 8545)
Candida albicans (ATCC 2091; ATCC 10231)

Dilute portions of each culture using buffered sodium chloride peptone solution pH 7.0 to make test suspensions containing about 100 viable microorganisms per ml. Use the suspension of each of the microorganisms separately as a control of the counting methods in the presence and absence of the preparation being examined, if necessary.

A count for any of the test organisms differing by not more than a factor of 10 from the calculated value for the inoculum should be obtained. To test the sterility of the medium and of the diluent and the aseptic performance of the test, carry out the total aerobic microbial preparation. There should be no growth of microorganisms.

C-8.7 Validity of the Tests for Specified Microorganisms

Grow separately the test strains of *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in fluid soyabean casein digest medium and *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella typhimurium* at 30 °C to 35 °C for 18 h to 24 h. Dilute portions of each culture using buffered sodium chloride peptone solution pH 7.0 to make test suspensions containing about 10³ viable microorganisms per ml. Mix equal volumes of each suspension and use 0.4 ml (approximately 10² microorganisms of each strain) as an inoculum in the test for *E. coli*, *S. typhimurium*, *P. aeruginosa*, and *S. aureus* in the presence and absence of the extract preparation being examined, if necessary. A positive result for the respective strain of microorganisms should be obtained.

Table 2 Most Probable Total Count by Multiple Tube or Serial Dilution Method*(Clause [C-7.8](#))*

Sl.No.	Observed Combination of Numbers of Tubes Showing Growth in Each Set			Most Probable Number of Microorganisms per g or per ml
	Number of mg (or ml) of Specimen per Tube			
	100 (100 µL)	10 (10 µL)	1 (1 µL)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
i)	3	3	3	> 1 100
ii)	3	3	2	1 100
iii)	3	3	1	500
iv)	3	3	0	200
v)	3	2	3	290
vi)	3	2	2	210
vii)	3	2	1	150
viii)	3	2	0	90
ix)	3	1	3	160
x)	3	1	2	120
xi)	3	1	1	70
xii)	3	1	0	40
xiii)	3	0	3	95
xiv)	3	0	2	60
xv)	3	0	1	40
xvi)	3	0	0	23

Table 3 Interpretation of the Confirmatory Tests for Salmonella*(Clause [C-8.3.1](#) and [C-8.3.2](#))*

Sl No.	Medium	Description of Colony
(1)	(2)	(3)
i)	Bismuth sulphite agar	Black or green
ii)	Brilliant green agar	Small, transparent, and colorless, or opaque, pinkish, or white (frequently surrounded by a pink or red zone)
iii)	Deoxycholate citrate agar	Colorless and opaque, with or without black centers
iv)	Xylose lysine deoxycholate agar	Red with or without black centers

Table 4 Interpretation of the Confirmatory Tests for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*(Clause [C-8.4](#))

SI No.	Selective Medium	Characteristic Colonial Morphology	Fluorescence in UV Light	Oxidase Test	Gram Stain
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
i)	Cetrimide agar	Generally greenish	Greenish	Positive	Negative rods
ii)	<i>Pseudomonas</i> agar medium for detection of fluorescein	Generally colorless to yellowish	Yellowish	Positive	Negative rods
iii)	<i>Pseudomonas</i> agar for detection of pyocyanin	Generally greenish	Blue	Positive	Negative rods

Table 5 Interpretation of the Confirmatory Tests for *Staphylococcus aureus*(Clause [C-8.5](#))

SI No.	Selective Medium	Characteristic Colonial Morphology	Gram Stain
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
i)	Vogel johnson agar	Black surrounded by yellow zones	Positive cocci (in clusters)
ii)	Mannitol salt agar	Yellow colonies with yellow zones	Positive cocci (in clusters)
iii)	Baird parker agar	Black, shiny, surrounded by clear zones of 2 mm to 5 mm	Positive cocci (in clusters)

ANNEX D

(Foreword)

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