

and filter. To 2 mL of the filtrate add gently 1 mL of sulfuric acid, and after cooling, add carefully chlorine TS to make two layers: a light red to red color develops at the zone of contact.

Total ash Not more than 7.5%.

Camellia Oil

Oleum Camelliae

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Camellia Oil is the fixed oil obtained from the peeled seeds of *Camellia japonica* Linné (*Theaceae*).

Description Camellia Oil is a colorless or pale yellow, clear oil.

It is nearly odorless and tasteless.

It is miscible with diethyl ether and with petroleum ether.

It is slightly soluble in ethanol (95).

It congeals partly at -10°C , and completely at -15°C .

Specific gravity d_{25}^{25} : 0.910 – 0.914

Identification To 2 mL of Camellia Oil add dropwise 10 mL of a mixture of fuming nitric acid, sulfuric acid, and water (1:1:1), previously cooled to room temperature: a bluish green color develops at the zone of contact.

Acid value Not more than 2.8.

Saponification value 188 – 194

Unsaponifiable matters Not more than 1.0%.

Iodine value 78 – 83

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

Capsicum

Capsici Fructus

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Capsicum is the fruit of *Capsicum annum* Linné (*Solanaceae*).

Capsicum contains not less than 0.10% of total capsaicins (capsaicin and dihydrocapsaicin), calculated on the basis of dried material.

Description Elongated conical to fusiform fruit, often bent, 3 – 10 cm in length, about 0.8 cm in width; outer surface lustrous and dark red to dark yellow-red; interior of pericarp hollow and usually divided into two loculi, containing numerous seeds nearly circular and compressed, light yellow-red, about 0.5 cm in diameter; usually with remains of calyx and peduncle. Odor, slight and characteristic; taste, hot and acrid.

Identification To 2.0 g of pulverized Capsicum add 5 mL of ethanol (95), warm on a water bath for 5 minutes, cool, centrifuge, and use the supernatant liquid as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve 1 mg of capsaicin for thin-layer

chromatography in 1 mL of ethanol (95), and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under the Thin-layer Chromatography. Spot 10 μL each of the sample solution and the standard solution on a plate of silica gel for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of diethyl ether and methanol (19:1) to a distance of about 12 cm, and air-dry the plate. Spray evenly 2,6-dibromo-*N*-chloro-1,4-benzoquinone monoimine TS on the plate, and allow to stand in ammonia gas: a spot from the sample solution and a blue spot from the standard solution show the same color tone and the same *R_f* value.

Purity Foreign matter—The amount of foreign matter contained in Capsicum does not exceed 1.0%.

Loss on drying Not more than 14.0% (6 hours).

Total ash Not more than 8.0%.

Acid-insoluble ash Not more than 1.2%.

Extract content Ether-soluble extract: not less than 9.0%.

Component determination Weigh accurately about 0.5 g of medium powder of Capsicum in a glass-stoppered centrifuge tube, add 30 mL of methanol, shake for 15 minutes, centrifuge, and separate the supernatant liquid. To the residue add 10 mL of methanol, shake for 5 minutes, centrifuge, and separate the supernatant liquid. Repeat this procedure again, combine the extracts, add methanol to make exactly 50 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 0.01 g of capsaicin for component determination, previously dried in a desiccator (in vacuum, phosphorus (v) oxide, 40°C) for 5 hours, and dissolve in methanol to make exactly 50 mL. Pipet 2 mL of this solution, add methanol to make exactly 25 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with exactly 20 μL each of the sample solution and the standard solution as directed under the Liquid Chromatography according to the following conditions, and determine the peak areas, A_{TC} and A_{TD} , of capsaicin and dihydrocapsaicin (the relative retention time to capsaicin is about 1.3) in the sample solution, and the peak area, A_{S} , of capsaicin in the standard solution.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Amount (mg) of total capsaicins} \\ & = \text{amount (mg) of capsaicin for component} \\ & \quad \text{determination} \\ & \quad \times \frac{A_{\text{TC}} + A_{\text{TD}}}{A_{\text{S}}} \times 0.08 \end{aligned}$$

Operating conditions—

Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: 281 nm).

Column: A stainless steel column 4.6 mm in inside diameter and 25 cm in length, packed with phenylated silica gel for liquid chromatography (5 μm in particle diameter).

Column temperature: A constant temperature of about 30°C .

Mobile phase: A mixture of diluted phosphoric acid (1 in 1000) and acetonitrile (3:2).

Flow rate: Adjust the flow rate so that the retention time of capsaicin is about 20 minutes.

System suitability—

System performance: Dissolve 1 mg each of capsaicin for