#### **IMPURITIES**

Specified impurities: A, B, C, D, E, F.

A. 2,3-dimethoxy-5-methylbenzene-1,4-diol,

$$H_3CO$$
 $CH_3$ 
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- B. n = 5: 2-[(all-*E*)-3,7,11,15,19,23,27-heptamethyloctadocosa-2, 6,10,14,18,22,26-heptaenyl]-5,6-dimethoxy-3-methylbenzene-1,4-dione (ubiquinone-7),
- C. n = 6: 5,6-dimethoxy-3-methyl-2-[(all-*E*)-3,7,11,15,19, 23,27,31-octamethyldotriaconta-2,6,10,14,18,22,26,30octaenyl]benzene-1,4-dione (ubiquinone-8),
- D. n = 7:5,6-dimethoxy-3-methyl-2-[(all-E)-3,7,11,15,19,23,27, 31,35-nonamethylhexatriaconta-2,6,10,14,18,22,26,30,34nonaenyl]benzene-1,4-dione (ubiquinone-9),

E. (2RS)-7,8-dimethoxy-2,5-dimethyl-2-[(all-E)-4,8,12,16,20,24, 28,32,36-nonamethylheptatriaconta-3,7,11,15,19,23,27,31, 35-nonaenyl]-2*H*-1-benzopyran-6-ol (ubicromenol),

F. 2-[(2Z.6E.10E.14E.18E.22E.26E.30E.34E.38E)-3.7.11.15. 19,23,27,31,35,39-decamethyl-2,6,10,14,18,22,26,30,34,38tetracontadecaenyl]-5,6-dimethoxy-3-methylbenzene-1,4dione (ubidecarenone (Z)-isomer).

- B. Freezing point (2.2.18): 21 °C to 24 °C.
- C. To 2.0 g add 2 mL of freshly distilled *aniline R* and boil under a reflux condenser for 10 min. Allow to cool and add 30 mL of ether R. Shake with 3 quantities, each of 20 mL, of dilute hydrochloric acid R and then with 20 mL of water R. Evaporate the organic layer to dryness on a water-bath. After recrystallising twice from ethanol (70 per cent V/V) R and drying in vacuo for 3 h, the residue melts (2.2.14) at 66 °C to 68 °C.
- D. Dissolve 0.1 g in a mixture of 2 mL of dilute sulfuric acid Rand 5 mL of glacial acetic acid R. Add dropwise 0.25 mL of potassium permanganate solution R. The colour of the potassium permanganate is discharged.

#### **TESTS**

**Peroxide value** (2.5.5, Method A): maximum 10.

Fixed and mineral oils. To 1.0 g add 5 mL of sodium carbonate solution R and 25 mL of water R and boil for 3 min. The hot solution is not more opalescent than reference suspension II (2.2.1).

**Water-soluble acids.** To 1.0 g add 20 mL of water R heated to 35-45 °C and shake for 2 min. Cool and filter the aqueous layer through a moistened filter. To  $10\ \mathrm{mL}$  of the filtrate add 0.1 mL of phenolphthalein solution R. Not more than 0.1 mL of 0.1 M sodium hydroxide is required to change the colour of

**Degree of unsaturation**. Dissolve 85.0 mg in a mixture of 5 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid R and 30 mL of glacial acetic acid R. Using 0.05 mL of indigo carmine solution R1 as indicator, added towards the end of the titration, titrate with 0.0167 M bromide-bromate until the colour changes from blue to yellow. 8.9 mL to 9.4 mL of 0.0167 M bromide-bromate is required. Carry out a blank titration.

**Sulfated ash** (2.4.14): maximum 0.1 per cent, determined on 0.50 g.

#### ASSAY

Dissolve 0.750 g in 10 mL of ethanol (96 per cent) R. Titrate with 0.5 M sodium hydroxide using 0.1 mL of phenolphthalein solution R as indicator, until a pink colour is obtained.

1 mL of 0.5 M sodium hydroxide is equivalent to 92.14 mg of  $C_{11}H_{20}O_2$ .

# **STORAGE**

In a non-metallic container, protected from light.

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# UNDECYLENIC ACID Acidum undecylenicum

 $C_{11}H_{20}O_{2}$ [112-38-9]  $M_{r}$  184.3

# DEFINITION

Undec-10-enoic acid.

Content: 97.0 per cent to 102.0 per cent.

#### CHARACTERS

Appearance: white or very pale yellow, crystalline mass or colourless or pale yellow liquid.

Solubility: practically insoluble in water, freely soluble in ethanol (96 per cent) and in fatty and essential oils.

### IDENTIFICATION

A. Refractive index (2.2.6): 1.447 to 1.450, determined at  $25 \pm 0.5$  °C.

## **UREA**

# Ureum

CH4N2O [57-13-6]  $M_{\rm r}$  60.1

### **DEFINITION**

Carbamide.

Content: 98.5 per cent to 101.5 per cent (dried substance).

#### **CHARACTERS**

Appearance: white or almost white, crystalline powder or transparent crystals, slightly hygroscopic.

Solubility: very soluble in water, soluble in alcohol, practically insoluble in methylene chloride.

# **IDENTIFICATION**

First identification: A, B.