adhering to the mortar, cautiously overlay the mixture on the top of the same porcelain crucible, and compact the charge again in the same manner. Ignite the combined mixture in the crucible between 675°C and 700°C for 30 minutes. Cool, add a few mL of water to the crucible, heat gently to boiling, and filter the contents of the crucible through a glass filter (G4) into a 20-mL volumetric flask. Wash the residue with water, and combine the washings with the filtrate. Cool, add water to make 20 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 0.075 g of potassium iodide for assay, previously dried at 105°C for 4 hours, and dissolve in water to make exactly 200 mL. Measure exactly 5 mL of the solution, and add a solution of potassium carbonate (1 in 8) to make exactly 100 mL. To 2 mL of this solution, exactly measured, add a solution of potassium carbonate (1 in 8) to make exactly 20 mL, and use the solution as the standard solution. Pipet 5 mL each of the sample solution and the standard solution into glass-stoppered test tubes, add 3.0 mL of diluted sulfuric acid (4 in 25) and 2.0 mL of potassium permanganate TS, and heat on a water bath for 15 minutes. Cool, add 1.0 mL of diluted sodium nitrite TS (1 in 10), swirl to mix, and add 1.0 mL of a solution of ammonium amidosulfate (1 in 10). Allow to stand at room temperature for 10 minutes with occasional shaking. Then add 1.0 mL of potato starch TS and 1.0 mL of a freshly prepared, diluted potassium iodide TS (1 in 40), swirl to mix, and transfer each solution to a 20-mL volumetric flask. Rinse the test tube with water, collect the washings in the volumetric flask, add water to make 20 mL, and allow to stand for 10 minutes. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, using a solution prepared with 5 mL of potassium carbonate (1 in 8) in the same manner as the sample solution as the blank. Determine the absorbances,  $A_{\rm T}$  and  $A_{\rm S}$ , of the subsequent solutions of the sample solution and the standard solution at the wavelength of maximum absorption at about 600 nm, respectively

Amount (mg) of liothyronine sodium  $(C_{15}H_{11}I_3NNaO_4)$ = amount (mg) of potassium iodide for assay

$$\times \frac{A_{\rm T}}{A_{\rm S}} \times \frac{1}{2000} \times 1.3513$$

**Containers and storage** Containers—Tight containers. Storage—Light-resistant.

## Lithium Carbonate

炭酸リチウム

Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>: 73.89

Lithium Carbonate, when dried, contains not less than 99.5% of Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>.

**Description** Lithium Carbonate occurs as a white, crystalline powder. It is odorless.

It is sparingly soluble in water, slightly soluble in hot water, and practically insoluble in ethanol (95) and in diethyl ether.

It dissolves in dilute acetic acid.

The pH of a solution of Lithium Carbonate (1 in 100) is between 10.9 and 11.5.

- **Identification** (1) Perform the test as directed under the Flame Coloration Test (1) with Lithium Carbonate: a persistent red color appears.
- (2) Dissolve 0.2 g of Lithium Carbonate in 3 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, and add 4 mL of sodium hydroxide TS and 2 mL of disodium hydrogenphosphate TS: a white precipitate is produced. To the precipitate add 2 mL of hydrochloric acid: it dissolves.
- (3) A solution of Lithium Carbonate (1 in 100) responds to the Qualitative tests for carbonate.
- **Purity** (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 0.10 g of Lithium Carbonate in 10 mL of water by warming: the solution is clear and colorless.
- (2) Acetic acid-insoluble substances—Take 1.0 g of Lithium Carbonate, dissolve in 40 mL of dilute acetic acid, filter the insoluble substances using filter paper for assay, wash with five 10-mL portions of water, and ignite the insoluble substances together with the filter paper to incinerate: the mass of the residue is not more than 1.5 mg.
- (3) Chloride—To 0.40 g of Lithium Carbonate add 10 mL of water and 7 mL of dilute nitric acid, and dissolve by heating to boil. After cooling, add 6 mL of dilute nitric acid, and dilute with water to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.25 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.022%).
- (4) Sulfate—To 0.40 g of Lithium Carbonate add 10 mL of water and 4 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, and dissolve by heating to boil. After cooling, add 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, and dilute with water to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.40 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.048%).
- (5) Heavy metals—To 4.0 g of Lithium Carbonate add 5 mL of water, gradually add 10 mL of hydrochloric acid while mixing, and dissolve. Evaporate the solution on a water bath to dryness. To the residue add 10 mL of water, and dissolve. Place the solution in a Nessler tube, add 1 drop of phenolphthalein TS, add ammonia TS until the solution shows a slight red color, then add 2 mL of dilute acetic acid, and dilute with water to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution as follows: Evaporate 10 mL of hydrochloric acid on a water bath to dryness. To the residue add 10 mL of water, and dissolve. Place the solution in a Nessler tube, add 1 drop of phenolphthalein TS, add ammonia TS until the solution shows a pale red color, then add 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution and 2 mL of dilute acetic acid, and dilute with water to make 50 mL (not more than 5 ppm).
- (6) Iron—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Lithium Carbonate according to Method 2 using 11 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, and perform the test according to Method B. Prepare the control solution with 1.0 mL of Standard Iron Solution (not more than 10 ppm).
- (7) Aluminum—To 10 mL of solution A obtained in (6) add 10 mL of water and 5 mL of acetic acid-sodium acetate buffer solution, pH 4.5, and shake. Add 1 mL of a solution of L-ascorbic acid (1 in 100), 2 mL of aluminon TS and water to make 50 mL, shake well, and allow to stand for 10 minutes: the solution has no more color than the following control solution.

Control solution: Dissolve 0.1758 g of aluminum potassium sulfate 12-water in water to make 1000 mL. To 1.0 mL of this solution add 10 mL of solution B obtained in (6) and water to make 20 mL, add 5 mL of acetic acid-sodium acetate buffer solution, pH 4.5, and proceed in the same manner.

(8) Barium—To 20 mL of solution A obtained in (6) add 6 mL of water, 0.5 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, 3 mL of ethanol (95) and 2 mL of potassium sulfate TS, and allow to stand for 1 hour: the solution has no more turbidity than the following control solution.

Control solution: Dissolve 0.0178 g of barium chloride dihydrate in water to make 1000 mL. To 6 mL of this solution add 20 mL of solution B, 0.5 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid and 3 mL of ethanol (95), and proceed in the same manner.

(9) Calcium—Weigh accurately about 5 g of Lithium Carbonate, add 50 mL of water and 15 mL of hydrochloric acid, and dissolve. Remove carbon dioxide from the solution by boiling, add 5 mL of ammonium oxalate TS, then make alkaline with ammonia TS, and allow to stand for 4 hours. Filter the produced precipitate through a glass filter (G4), wash with warm water until the turbidity of the washing is not produced with calcium chloride TS within 1 minute. Transfer the precipitate and the glass filter into a beaker, add water until the glass filter is covered with water, then add 3 mL of sulfuric acid, heat between 70°C and 80°C, and titrate with 0.02 mol/L potassium permanganate VS until a pale red color persists for 30 seconds: the amount of calcium (Ca: 40.08) is not more than 0.05%.

Each mL of 0.02 mol/L potassium permanganate VS = 2.0039 mg of Ca

(10) Magnesium—To 3.0 mL of solution A obtained in (6) add 0.2 mL of a solution of titan yellow (1 in 1000) and water to make 20 mL, then add 5 mL of sodium hydroxide (3 in 20), and allow to stand for 10 minutes: the solution has no more color than the following control solution.

Control solution: Dissolve 0.0495 g of magnesium sulfate heptahydrate, previously dried at 105°C for 2 hours and heated at 450°C for 3 hours, in water to make 1000 mL. To this solution add 3 mL of solution B obtained in (6), 0.2 mL of a solution of titan yellow (1 in 1000) and water to make 20 mL, and proceed in the same manner.

(11) Potassium—Dissolve 1.0 g of Lithium Carbonate in water to make 100 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. To 5 mL of the sample solution add 1.0 mL of dilute acetic acid, shake, add 5 mL of a solution of sodium tetraphenylborate (1 in 30), shake immediately, and allow to stand for 10 minutes: the solution has no more turbidity than the following control solution.

Control solution: Dissolve 9.5 mg of potassium chloride in water to make 1000 mL. To 5 mL of this solution add 1.0 mL of dilute acetic acid, shake, and proceed in the same manner.

(12) Sodium—Weigh accurately about 0.8 g of Lithium Carbonate, dissolve in water to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the sample stock solution. Measure exactly 25 mL of the sample stock solution, add water to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution (1). Separately, weigh accurately 0.0254 g of sodium chloride, dissolve in water to make exactly 1000 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Measure exactly 25 mL of the sample stock solution, add exactly 20 mL of the standard solution, then add water to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution (2). Determine emis-

sion intensities of sodium using a flame photometer with the sample solution (1) and the sample solution (2) under the following conditions. Adjust the wavelength dial to 589 nm, atomize the sample solution (2) into the flame, then adjust the sensitivity so that the emission intensity  $L_{\rm S}$  shows 100 adjustment, and determine emission intensity  $L_{\rm T}$  of the sample solution (1). Then, make the other conditions identical, change the wavelength dial to 580 nm, determine emission intensity  $L_{\rm B}$  of the sample solution (1): the amount of sodium, calculated from the following equation, is not more than 0.05%.

Amount (%) of sodium (Na)  
= 
$$\frac{L_{\rm T} - L_{\rm B}}{L_{\rm S} - L_{\rm T}} \times \frac{W'}{W} \times 100$$

W: Amount (mg) of the sample in 25 mL of the sample stock solution.

W': Amount (mg) of sodium in 20 mL of the standard solution.

(13) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Lithium Carbonate, add 2 mL of water and 3 mL of hydrochloric acid, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 2 ppm).

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

Assay Weigh accurately about 1 g of Lithium Carbonate, previously dried, add exactly 100 mL of water and 50 mL of 0.5 mol/L sulfuric acid VS, remove carbon dioxide by boiling gently, cool, and titrate the excess sulfuric acid with 1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS until the color of the solution changes from red to yellow (indicator: 3 drops of methyl red TS). Perform a blank determination.

Each mL of 0.5 mol/L sulfuric acid VS = 36.946 mg of Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

Containers and storage Containers—Well-closed containers

## Lorazepam

ロラゼパム

C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 321.16

(RS)-7-Chloro-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-3-hydroxy-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one [846-49-1]

Lorazepam, when dried, contains not less than 98.5% of  $C_{15}H_{10}Cl_2N_2O_2$ .

**Description** Lorazepam occurs as a white, crystalline powder. It is odorless.

It is sparingly soluble in ethanol (95) and in acetone, slightly soluble in diethyl ether, and practically insoluble in water.