product is reconstituted as directed in the labeling.

§ 436.507 Benzathine - procaine - buffered crystalline penicillins for aqueous injection.

(a) *Potency*—(1) *Total potency*. Proceed as directed in § 440.80a(b)(1) of this chapter, except if the bioassay method is used prepare the sample by diluting one dose of the drug suspension with sufficient dimethyl formamide or formamide or methyl alcohol to dissolve the benzathine penicillin G. Make to 100 milliliters with 1-percent phosphate buffer, pH 6.0. Shake well, and dilute to 1.0 unit per milliliter with buffer. If the iodometric method of assay is used, add the indicated amount of distilled water to the contents of a vial of the sample, shake well, and proceed as follows (except for single-dose containers):

(i) Using a standardized hypodermic syringe, withdraw one dose and dilute with 1-percent phosphate buffer, pH 6.0, to give a concentration of approximately 2,000 units per milliliter. Use 2.0 milliliters of this suspension as the blank in the iodometric assay procedure described in § 440.80a(b)(5)(iv)(*a*) of this chapter.

(ii) Using a standardized hypodermic syringe, withdraw another dose, place in a flask, and add 20 milliliters of 0.5 *N* NaOH for each 300,000 units of benzathine penicillin, mix well, being sure that all penicillin is in solution, and allow to stand for 15 minutes. Add 1 milliliter of 1.2 *N* HCl for each 2 milliliters of 0.5 *N* NaOH, mix, and dilute with distilled water to the same volume as was used in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section. Place 2.0 milliliters in a 125-milliliter glass-stoppered Erlenmeyer flask, add 10 milliliters of 0.01 *N* iodine, allow to stand for 15 minutes, and titrate with 0.01 *N* sodium thiosulfate as directed in the iodometric assay procedure in § 440.80a (b)(5)(iv)(*a*) of this chapter. The total potency of the batch is satisfactory if it contains not less than 85 percent of that which it is represented to contain.

(2) *Procaine penicillin content* (*except for single-dose containers*). Make suitable dilutions of the solution prepared in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this section to obtain approximately 60 units of procaine penicillin per milliliter. Determine the procaine penicillin content by the colorimetric procedure described in § 436.503(b)(3). The content of procaine penicillin is satisfactory if it contains not less than 85 percent of the number of units that it is represented to contain.

(3) *Buffered crystalline penicillin content*—(i) *Preparation of the solution for assay*. (*a*) Add the indicated amount of distilled water to the contents of a vial of the sample, and shake well. Withdraw one dose of the suspension with a hypodermic syringe and place in a 10-milliliter volumetric flask. Add 20-percent sodium sulfate solution almost to the mark, centrifuge sufficiently to see the meniscus, make to volume with 20-percent sodium sulfate solution, shake well, and centrifuge to obtain a clear or reasonably clear solution; or

(*b*) If the original product contains more than 600,000 units, place it in a 50-milliliter volumetric flask, add 20-percent sodium sulfate to the mark, shake well, place a 10-milliliter portion in a centrifuge tube, and centrifuge to obtain a reasonably clear solution.

(*c*) Dilute a 5.0-milliliter aliquot of the clear solution obtained in paragraph (a) (3)(i) (*a*) or (*b*) of this section with 1-percent phosphate buffer, pH 6.0, to give a solution for assay of approximately 2,000 units per milliliter.

(ii) *Iodometric assay for total penicillin in the solution for assay*. Determine the total quantity of penicillin in the solution for assay by the iodometric assay procedure described in § 440.80a (b)(5)(iv)(*a*) of this chapter.

(iii) *Colorimetric determination of procaine penicillin in the solution for assay*. Proceed as directed in § 436.503 (b)(3). The content of procaine penicillin in the batch is satisfactory if it is not less than 85 percent of that which it is represented to contain.

(iv) The buffered crystalline penicillin in one dose of the product is calculated as follows:

$$A=(B-C)F,$$

where:

A=the buffered crystalline penicillin content of the product.

B=the number of units of penicillin per milliliter as determined in paragraph (a)(3)(ii) of this section.

C=the number of units of procaine penicillin per milliliter as determined in paragraph (a)(3)(iii) of this section.

F=the appropriate dilution factor depending on the dilutions made in the preparation of the solution for assay.

The content of buffered crystalline penicillin is satisfactory if the batch contains 85 percent of the number of units per milliliter that it is represented to contain.

(4) *Benzathine penicillin content.* The sum of the procaine penicillin content determined under paragraph (a)(2) or (6) of this section and the buffered crystalline penicillin content determined under paragraph (a)(3) of this section, subtracted from the total potency determined in paragraph (a)(1) or (5) of this section, represents the benzathine penicillin G content. The benzathine penicillin G content is satisfactory if it is not less than 85 percent of the number of units that it is represented to contain.

(5) *Total potency of a single-dose container.* Wash out the material remaining in the volumetric flask referred to in paragraph (a)(3)(i)(*a*) of this section, or combine the contents remaining in the 50-milliliter volumetric flask and in the centrifuge tube referred to in paragraph (a)(3)(i)(*b*) of this section. Dissolve the material by adding 10 milliliters of 1 *N* NaOH for each 300,000 units of benzathine penicillin and allow to stand 15 minutes. Add 1 milliliter of 1.2 *N* HCl for each milliliter of 1 *N* NaOH and then dilute with distilled water to give a concentration of approximately 2,000 units per milliliter. Place 2.0 milliliters in a 125-milliliter glass-stoppered Erlenmeyer flask, add 10 milliliters of 0.01 *N* iodine, allow to stand for 15 minutes, and then titrate with 0.01 *N* sodium thiosulfate as directed in § 440.80a (b)(5)(iv)(*a*) of this chapter. For the blank determination prepare a separate sample as directed in paragraph (a)(3)(i) (*a*) or (*b*) of this section and in the first sentence of this paragraph (a)(5), then dilute with 1 percent phosphate buffer, pH 6.0, to give a concentration of approximately 2,000 units per milliliter. The total potency of the one-dose container is equal to the sum of the number of units found in this assay (units per milliliter×volume) and the number of units found (units per milliliter ×volume) in the solution for assay in paragraph (a)(3)(ii) of this section.

(6) *Procaine penicillin content of a single-dose container.* Make suitable dilutions of the NaOH-inactivated solution prepared in paragraph (a)(5) of this section to obtain approximately 60 units of procaine penicillin per milliliter. Determine the procaine penicillin content (units per milliliter× volume) of this solution by the colorimetric procedure described under § 436.503(b)(3). To this value add per procaine penicillin content (unit per milliliter×volume) of the solution for assay, as found in paragraph (a)(3)(iii) of this section, to obtain the procaine penicillin content of the one-dose container. The content of procaine penicillin in the batch is satisfactory if it is not less than 85 percent of that which it is represented to contain.

(b) *Sterility.* Proceed as directed in § 436.20, using the method described in paragraph (e)(2) of that section, except use medium C in lieu of medium A, and medium F in lieu of medium E. During the period of incubation, shake the tubes at least once daily.

(c) *Pyrogens.* Proceed as directed in § 440.55a(b)(4) of this chapter.

(d) *Toxicity.* Proceed as directed in § 440.55a(b)(3) of this chapter.

(e) *Moisture.* Proceed as directed in § 440.74a(b)(5) of this chapter.

(f) *pH.* Proceed as directed in § 440.80a(b)(5)(ii) of this chapter, using the suspension resulting when the product is reconstituted as directed in the labeling.

§ 436.508 Penicillin - bacitracin - neomycin ointment; penicillin-bacitracin-neomycin in oil.

(a) *Potency*—(1) *Penicillin content; bacitracin content.* Proceed as directed in § 436.504(a).

(2) *Neomycin content.* Proceed as directed in § 448.510d(b)(1)(ii) of this chapter, except that sufficient penicillinase is added to the sample under test to completely inactivate the penicillin present. Its content of neomycin is satisfactory if it contains not less than 85 percent of the number of milligrams per gram that it is represented to contain.