

(at a retention time equal to that observed for the standard);  
*A<sub>s</sub>*=Area of the fluorometholone acetate peak in the chromatogram of the fluorometholone acetate working standard;  
*P<sub>s</sub>*=Fluorometholone acetate content in the fluorometholone acetate working standard solution in micrograms per milliliter; and  
*d* = Dilution factor of the sample.

(3) *Sterility*. Proceed as directed in § 436.20 of this chapter, using the method described in § 436.20(e)(1).

(4) *pH*. Proceed as directed in § 436.202 of this chapter, using the undiluted suspension.

(5) *Tobramycin identity*. Proceed as directed in § 436.318 of this chapter, except prepare the sample for assay as follows: Decant 1.0 milliliter of the unshaken sample into a test tube. Add 100 milligrams of sodium sulfate to the test tube and shake until the sodium sulfate has been dispersed. Centrifuge to obtain a clear supernatant. Use the supernatant as the sample solution.

(6) *Fluorometholone acetate identity*. The high performance liquid chromatogram of the sample determined as directed in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, compares qualitatively to that of the fluorometholone acetate working standard.

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**Subpart E—Otic Dosage Forms**

**§ 444.442 Neomycin sulfate otic dosage forms.**

**§§ 444.442a—444.442c [Reserved]**

**§ 444.442d Neomycin sulfate ointment; neomycin sulfate- \_\_\_\_\_ ointment (the blank being filled in with the established name(s) of certain other active ingredient(s)).**

The requirements for certification and the tests and methods of assay for neomycin sulfate ointment and for neomycin sulfate- \_\_\_\_\_ ointment are described in § 444.542a.

**§ 444.442e [Reserved]**

**§ 444.442f Neomycin sulfate-hydrocortisone-acetic acid otic suspension.**

(a) *Requirements for certification*—(1) *Standards of identity, strength, quality,*

*and purity*. Neomycin sulfate-hydrocortisone-acetic acid otic suspension is an aqueous suspension containing in each milliliter 5.0 milligrams of neomycin sulfate equivalent to 3.5 milligrams of neomycin and 10 milligrams of hydrocortisone. It also contains 2 percent acetic acid. It may contain one or more suitable and harmless buffers, preservatives, and dispersants. Its potency is satisfactory if it is not less than 90 percent and not more than 130 percent of the number of milligrams of neomycin that it is represented to contain. It is sterile. Its pH is not less than 4.5 and not more than 6.0. The neomycin sulfate used conforms to the standards prescribed in § 444.42a(a)(1)(i), (v), (vi), and (vii).

(2) *Labeling*. It shall be labeled in accordance with the requirements of § 432.5 of this chapter.

(3) *Requests for certification; samples*. In addition to complying with the requirements of § 431.1 of this chapter, each such request shall contain:

(i) Results of tests and assays on:

(a) The neomycin sulfate used in making the batch for potency, loss on drying, pH, and identity.

(b) The batch for potency, sterility, and pH.

(ii) Samples required:

(a) The samples used in making the batch: 10 packages, each containing approximately 300 milligrams.

(b) The batch:

(1) For all tests except sterility: A minimum of 5 immediate containers.

(2) For sterility testing: 20 immediate containers, collected at regular intervals throughout each filling operation.

(b) *Tests and methods of assay*—(1) *Potency*. Proceed as directed in § 436.105 of this chapter, preparing the sample for assay as follows: Remove an accurately measured representative portion of the sample and dilute with sufficient 0.1M potassium phosphate buffer, pH 8.0 (solution 3), to give a stock solution of convenient concentration. Further dilute with solution 3 to the reference concentration of 1.0 microgram of neomycin per milliliter (estimated).

(2) *Sterility*. Proceed as directed in § 436.20 of this chapter, using the method described in paragraph (e)(1) of that section, except if the steroid prevents solubilization, use 0.25 milliliter in lieu