OCTENYL SUCCINIC ACID MODIFIED GUM ARABIC
(TENTATIVE)

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Information required:

- *Updated analytical method for the determination of the degree of substitution (DS) and results of at least five different batches of commercially available product.*

SYNONYMS Gum arabic hydrogen octenylbutandioate; Gum arabic hydrogen octenylsuccinate; OSA modified gum arabic; OSA modified gum acacia; INS No. 423

DEFINITION Octenyl succinic acid modified gum arabic is produced by esterifying gum arabic (*Acacia seyal*), or gum arabic (*Acacia senegal*) in aqueous solution with not more than 3% of octenyl succinic acid anhydride. It is subsequently spray dried.

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DESCRIPTION Off-white to light tan, free flowing powder

FUNCTIONAL USES Emulsifier

CHARACTERISTICS

IDENTIFICATION

Solubility (Vol. 4) Freely soluble in water; insoluble in ethanol

Precipitate formation Add 0.2 ml of dilute lead subacetate TS to 10 ml of a cold 1:50 aqueous solution. A white, flocculent precipitate forms immediately.

pH (Vol. 4) 3.5 to 6.5 (5% solution)

Viscosity Not more than 30 cP (5% solution, 25°)
Add 95 ml of water to a beaker. Place a magnetic stir bar into the water and while stirring add 5 g of the sample. Stir on medium speed for 2 h. Measure viscosity on Brookfield LV viscometer, or equivalent, using spindle number 3 at 30 rpm (factor = 40).

PURITY

Degree of substitution Information required

Loss on drying (Vol.4) Not more than 15% (105°, 5h)

Total ash (Vol.4) Not more than 10% (530°)

Acid-insoluble ash (Vol.4) Not more than 0.5%

Water-insoluble matter (Vol. 4)	Not more than 1.0%
Starch or dextrin	Boil a 1 in 50 aqueous solution of the sample, add about 0.1 ml iodine TS. No bluish or reddish colour should be produced.
Tannin-bearing gums	To 10 ml of a 1 in 50 aqueous solution of the sample add about 0.1 ml ferric chloride TS. No blackish coloration or blackish precipitate should be formed.
Residual octenyl succinic acid	Not more than 0.3% See description under TESTS
Microbiological criteria (Vol. 4)	*Salmonella* species: absent in 25 g *Escherichia coli*: absent in 1 g
Lead (Vol. 4)	Not more than 2 mg/kg Determine using an AAS/ICP-AES technique appropriate to the specified level. The selection of sample size and method of sample preparation may be based on principles of methods described in Volume 4 (under "General Methods, Metallic Impurities").

TESTS

PURITY TESTS

Degree of substitution	Information required
Residual octenyl succinic acid	Determine by HPLC on the 2-bromoacetophenone-derivatised methanolic extract of the sample.

Extraction and Preparation of Sample Solution

Accurately weigh 500 mg (to nearest 0.1 mg) of the sample in a 25 ml Erlenmeyer flask, add 15 ml of methanol, stopper the flask and shake it on a shaker overnight. Filter the extract using a filter paper, wash the residue, three times with 7 ml portions of methanol and combine the filtrate (about 80% of the OSA residues is extracted by this procedure). Add 1 ml of 0.16 N KOH in methanol to the combined filtrate. Dry the extract using a flash evaporator at 30° and dissolve the residue in 2 ml of methanol. Pipette 0.5 ml of this solution into a reaction vial, add 0.5 ml of derivatisation reagent [2.8 g of 2-p-dibromoacetophenone and 0.28 g of 1,4,7,10,13,16-hexaoxacyclooctadecane (18-Crown-6) in 50 ml CH_3CN]. Add 2 ml CH_3CN to the reaction vial, cap the vial and heat at 80° for 30 min. Allow the vial to reach room temperature and analyse the reaction product by HPLC within 24 h.

HPLC Conditions:

Column: µ-Bondapack C18 or equivalent
Mobile Phase: Methanol and Water with gradient elution: 70% to 80% of methanol in water in 5 min
Flow rate: 1.5 ml/min
Detector: UV at 254 nm
Injection volume: 5 µl

Preparation of Standard Curve

Prepare a 105.14 mg/ml solution of octenyl succinic acid anhydride

(available from Milliken Chemicals) in methanol (Solution A). Using a syringe draw 0.25 ml of Solution A, transfer into a 25-ml volumetric flask and dilute to mark with methanol (Solution B).

Prepare three working standard (Solution C1, C2 and C3) by transferring 0.5, 1 and 2 ml each of Solution B into three 50-ml round bottom flasks, add 1 ml of 0.16 N KOH in methanol to each flask, dry the solution using a flash evaporator at 30° and dissolve the residue in 2.0 ml of methanol. To 0.5 ml each of these solutions in reaction vials, add 0.5 ml each of derivatisation reagent [2.8 g of 2-p-dibromoacetophenone and 0.28 g of 1,4,7,10,13,16-hexaoxacyclooctadecane (18-Crown-6) in 50 ml of CH_3CN]. Add 2 ml of CH_3CN to each vial, cap the vials and heat for 30 min at 80°. Allow the vials to reach room temperature and analyze by HPLC immediately. The amount of octenyl succinic acid in each 5-µl injection is as follows:

Solution C1: 0.2375 µg
Solution C2: 0.4750 µg
Solution C3: 0.9500 µg

Construct the standard curve using peak height against the amount of standard in the injected volume.

Inject 5-µl of prepared sample solution and read the amount of octenyl succinic acid in the injection from the standard curve.

Calculation

$$\% \text{ Residual octenyl succinic acid} = \frac{300 \times V}{W}$$

where

V is the amount of OSA in the injected volume; and
W is the weight of the sample (mg).

NOTE: The formula is corrected to 100% recovery by dividing with 0.80, so that 240/0.80 = 300.