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# **2.4.4. CHLORIDES**

To 15 ml of the prescribed solution add 1 ml of *dilute nitric* acid R and pour the mixture as a single addition into a test-tube containing 1 ml of silver nitrate solution R2. Prepare a standard in the same manner using 10 ml of *chloride standard solution (5 ppm Cl) R* and 5 ml of *water R*. Examine the tubes laterally against a black background.

After standing for 5 min protected from light, any opalescence in the test solution is not more intense than that in the standard.

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## 2.4.5. FLUORIDES

#### Figure 2.4.5.-1. - Apparatus for limit test for fluorides Dimensions in millimetres

Introduce into the inner tube of the apparatus (see Figure 2.4.5. 1) the prescribed quantity of the substance to be examined, 0.1 g of acid-washed sand R and 20 ml of a mixture of equal volumes of *sulphuric acid R* and *water R*. Heat the jacket containing *tetrachloroethane R* maintained at its boiling point (146 °C). Heat the steam generator and

distil, collecting the distillate in a 100 ml volumetric flask containing 0.3 ml of 0.1 M sodium hydroxide and 0.1 ml of phenolphthalein solution R. Maintain a constant volume (20 ml) in the tube during distillation and ensure that the distillate remains alkaline, adding 0.1 M sodium hydroxide if necessary. Dilute the distillate to 100 ml with water R(test solution). Prepare a standard in the same manner by distillation, using 5 ml of *fluoride standard solution* (10 ppm F) R instead of the substance to be examined. Into two glass-stoppered cylinders introduce 20 ml of the test solution and 20 ml of the standard and 5 ml of aminomethylalizarindiacetic acid reagent R.

After 20 min, any blue colour in the test solution (originally red) is not more intense than that in the standard.

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### 2.4.6. MAGNESIUM

To 10 ml of the prescribed solution add 0.1 g of disodium tetraborate R. Adjust the solution, if necessary, to pH 8.8 to pH 9.2 using dilute hydrochloric acid R or dilute sodium hydroxide solution R. Shake with 2 quantities, each of 5 ml. of a 1 g/l solution of hydroxyquinoline R in chloroform R, for 1 min each time. Allow to stand. Separate and discard the organic layer. To the aqueous solution add 0.4 ml of butylamine R and 0.1 ml of triethanolamine R. Adjust the solution, if necessary, to pH 10.5 to pH 11.5. Add 4 ml of the solution of hydroxyquinoline in chloroform, shake for 1 min, allow to stand and separate. Use the lower layer for comparison. Prepare a standard in the same manner using a mixture of 1 ml of magnesium standard solution (10 ppm Mg) R and 9 ml of water R.

Any colour in the solution obtained from the substance to be examined is not more intense than that in the standard.

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### 2.4.7. MAGNESIUM AND ALKALINE-EARTH METALS

To 200 ml of *water R* add 0.1 g of *hudroxulamine* hydrochloride R, 10 ml of ammonium chloride buffer solution pH 10.0 R, 1 ml of 0.1 M zinc sulphate and about 15 mg of mordant black 11 triturate R. Heat to about 40 °C. Titrate with 0.01 M sodium edetate until the violet colour changes to full blue. To the solution add the prescribed quantity of the substance to be examined dissolved in 100 ml of *water R* or use the prescribed solution. If the colour of the solution changes to violet, titrate with 0.01 M sodium edetate until the full blue colour is again obtained. The volume of 0.01 M sodium edetate used in the second

titration does not exceed the prescribed quantity.

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### 2.4.8. HEAVY METALS

The methods described below require the use of thioacetamide reagent R. As an alternative, sodium sulphide solution R1 (0.1 ml) is usually suitable. Since tests prescribed in monographs have been developed using thioacetamide reagent R, if sodium sulphide solution R1 is used instead, it is necessary to include also for methods A and B a monitor solution, prepared from the quantity of the substance to be examined prescribed for the test, to

