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#### FOREWORD

This Sri Lanka Standard was authorized for adoption and publication by the Council of the Bureau of Ceylon Standards on 1982-11-24 after the draft, finalized by the Drafting Committee on Food Additives had been approved by the Agricultural and Food Products Divisional Committee.

This is one of the series of Sri Lanka Standards for food colours.

This specification is subject to Sri Lanka Food Act No. 26 of 1980 and the regulations framed thereunder wherever applicable.

All standard values given in this specification are in SI units.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this specification is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with CS 102. The number of figures to be retained in the rounded off value shall be the same as that of the specified value in this specification.

The assistance gained from the publications of the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), the British Standards Institution and the Indian Standards Institution in the preparation of this specification is gratefully acknowledged.

#### 1 SCOPE

This specification prescribes the requirements, methods of sampling and test for Erythrosine BS for use in the colouring of food stuffs.

#### 2 REFERENCES

CS 102 Presentation of numerical values

SLS 394 Analysis of water soluble coal-tar dyes permitted for use in foods

SIS 467 Labelling of prepackaged foods

Part 1 General guidelines

Part 2 Guidelines on claims

SIS 543 Methods of sampling for food colours.

#### 3 DESCRIPTION

3.1 Common name : Erythrosine BS.

3.2 Synonyms: C.I. Food Red 14, FD and C Red No. 3.

3.3 Colour index number and EEC number: 45430 and E 127.

3.4 Class: Xanthene.

3.5 Chemical name: Disodium or dipotassium salt of 2:4:5:7 - tetraiodofluorescein.

3.6 Empirical formula:  $C_{20}^{H}_{6}^{O}_{5}^{I}_{4}^{Na}_{2}$ .

3.7 Molecular mass: 879.87 (disodium salt).

#### 3.8 Structural formula

#### 4 REQUIREMENTS

#### 4.1 Composition

The colouring matter shall consist essentially of disodium or dipotassium salt of 2:4:5:7 - tetraiodofluorescein and shall not contain

any extraneous matter injurious to health.

4.2 The colouring matter shall also conform to the limits specified in Table 1 and not exceed the limits for heavy metals and inorganic iodide given in Table 2.

TABLE 1 - Limits for erythrosine BS

S1. No.	Characteristic (2)		Method of test ref. to	
			Appendix in the standard (4)	Clause No. in SLS 394:1976 (5)
<b>i</b>	Total dye content, corrected for sample dried at 105±1 °C. for 2 h, per cent by mass,min	85	A	-
<b>1</b> 1	Matter volatile at 135 °C, per cent by mass, max.	12	4076	2.1
iii	Matter insoluble in water, per cent by mass, max.	0.2	. 6440	2.2
iv	Chlorides and sulphates, per cent by mass, max.	2		2.5 and 2.6
V	Heavy metals as sulphides	Colour of ref. standard		2.9

TABLE 2 - Tolerance limits

S1. No. (1)	Trace element (2)	Tolerance limit mg/kg (3)	Method of test ref. to (4)
i	Copper (as Cu)	10	2.8 of
ii	Arsenic (as As)	1	SLS 394:1976
iii	Lead (as Pb)	10	
iv	Inorganic iodide	1000	Appendix B

#### 5 PACKAGING

Erythrosine BS shall be packed in suitable containers which shall in no way affect the nature and composition of the material within.

The containers shall be strong enough to withstand damage in handling.

#### 6 MARKING AND LABELLING

- 6.1 The following particulars shall be marked legibly and indelibly on the label of the container.
- a) The words Erythrosine BS;
- b) Colour index number No. 45430;
- c) Registered trade mark (if any);
- d) Name and address of manufacturer;
- e) Net mass in grams; and
- f) Batch or code number.
- **6.2** The marking and labelling shall be done in accordance with SLS 467.
- 6.3 The containers may also be marked with the Certification Mark of the Bureau of Ceylon Standards illustrated below on permission being granted for such marking by the Bureau of Ceylon Standards.



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#### 7 SAMPLING

- 7.1 The methods of drawing representative samples shall be as specified in relevant clauses of SLS 543.
- 7.2 Tests for requirements specified in this specification shall be carried out on the composite sample obtained as in 7.1.

#### 8 METHODS OF TEST

Tests shall be carried out in accordance with SLS 394, Appendix A and Appendix B.

#### 9 CONFORMITY TO STANDARD

The lot shall be declared as conforming to the requirements of this specification, if the test results on the composite sample satisfy the relevant requirements.

#### APPENDIX A

#### DETERMINATION OF TOTAL DYE CONTENT

#### A.1 NITRIC ACID METHOD

#### A.1.1 Reagents

- A.1.1.1 Nitric acid, 1.5 N and 0.5 per cent.
- A.1.1.2 Silver nitrate, 4.25 per cent (mass/volume) solution of silver nitrate (AgNO $_3$ ) in water (0.25 N).

#### A.1.2 Procedure

Dissolve 1.000 g of erythrosine in 250 ml of water, transfer to a clean 500-ml beaker, add 8.0 ml of 1.5 N nitric acid and stir well. Filter through a sintered glass crucible (porosity 3, diameter 50 mm) which has been weighed containing a small glass stirring rod. Wash thoroughly with 0.5 per cent nitric acid until the filtrate gives no turbidity with silver nitrate and then wash with 30 ml water. Dry to constant mass at 135  $\pm$  5 °C, carefully breaking up the precipitate by means of the glass rod. Cool in a desiccator and weigh.

#### A.1.3 Calculation

Total dye content, per cent =  $\frac{\text{Mass of residue x } 105.3}{\text{Mass of the sample}}$ 

#### APPENDIX B

#### DETERMINATION OF INORGANIC IODIDE

#### **B.1 REAGENTS**

- B.1.1 Silver nitrate, 0.1 N standard solution.
- B.1.2 Nitric acid, 1.5 N solution.

#### **B.2 APPARATUS**

B.2.1 Potentiometric titration apparatus, with silver indicator electrode, calomel reference electrode and saturated potassium sulphate bridge.

#### B.3 PROCEDURE

- B.3.1 Weigh about 3 g of the dry sample into a 500-ml beaker. Dissolve in 300 ml of water and add 200 ml of the nitric acid. Filter through a Grade 3 sintered glass filter of diameter preferably 62.5 mm, but not less than 37.5 mm and wash with 2.50-ml portions of water.
- B.3.1.1 Place the silver electrode in the combined filtrate and washings and connect the calomel electrode to this solution by means of the saturated potassium sulphate bridge. Titrate the solution with 0.1 N silver nitrate solution to the zero mV, the iodide end point; 1 ml of 0.1 N silver nitrate solution = 0.0150 g sodium iodide.

#### B.4 CALCULATION

**B.4.1** Iodide as sodium iodide, mg/kg =  $\frac{A \times 1.50}{m} \times 10^4$ 

#### where

- A = volume, in millilitre, of 0.1 N silver nitrate solution required for the iodide end point; and
- m = mass, in grams, of dye sample taken.

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