

PHARMACOPOEIAL DISCUSSION GROUP

SIGN-OFF DOCUMENT (REVISION 2)

CODE: E-01

NAME: ALCOHOL, ETHANOL (96 PER CENT), ETHANOL

Harmonised attributes

Attribute	EP	JP	USP
Identification A, B	+	+	+
Appearance	+	+	+
Acidity or alkalinity	+	+	+
Relative density	+	+	+
Absorbance	+	+	+
Volatile impurities	+	+	+
Residue on evaporation	+	+	+
Storage	+	+	+

Legend: + will adopt and implement ; - will not stipulate

Definition and Relative density

Each pharmacopoeia specifies a different range for the content; the values for relative density vary accordingly and, in addition, are expressed at different temperatures.

Non-harmonised attributes

Characters/Description (EP, JP)

Local requirements: identification tests C and D, list of impurities (EP); expiration date (JP)

Reagents and reference materials

Each pharmacopoeia will adapt the text to take account of local reference substances and spectra and reagent specifications.

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Signatures:

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