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# Milk powder and formula foods for infant and young

## children-Qualitative detection of urease

## 婴幼儿配方食品和乳粉 脲酶的定性检验

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## Milk powder and formula foods for infant and young children-Qualitative detection of urease

#### 1 Scope

This standard specifies qualitative detection method of urease.

This standard applies to qualitative detection of urease in milk power and formula foods for infant and young children.

#### 2 Method and principle

The urease catalyzes the urea to be converted into ammonium carbonate under proper pH value and temperature. Under alkali condition, the ammonium carbonate produces ammonium hydroxide which reacts with potassium iodide composite mercury salt in Nessler's reagent to produce  $NH_2Hg_2I$ .

 $NH_2CONH_2 + 2H_20$  urease  $(NH_4)_2CO_3$ 

 $(NH_4)_2CO_3 + 2OH^- \rightarrow CO_3^{2-} + 2NH_4OH$ 

 $K_2[HgI_4] + KOH + NH_3 \rightarrow NH_2Hg_2I + KI + H_2O$ , where  $NH_2Hg_2I$  is yellow sediment.

#### 3 Reagent

- 3.1 Urea solution: 10g/L
- 3.2 Sodium tungstate solution: 100g/L
- 3.3 Potassium sodium tartrate solution: 20g/L
- 3.4 Sulphuric acid: Volumetric fraction 5%
- 3.5 Neutral buffer liquid

Take the below-mentioned sodium dihydrogen phosphate solution 611 mL and potassium dihydrogen phosphate solution 389 mL. These two kinds of solution are evenly mixed.

3.5.1 Sodium dihydrogen phosphate solution

Weigh anhydrous sodium dihydrogen phosphate by 9.47g and dissolve it into 1000mL distilled water.

3.5.2 Potassium dihydrogen phosphate solution

Weigh anhydrous sodium dihydrogen phosphate by 9.07g and dissolve it into 1000mL distilled water.



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