

## PONCEAU 4R

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### SYNONYMS

CI Food Red 7, Cochineal Red A, New Coccine; CI (1975) No. 16255; INS No. 124

### DEFINITION

Consists essentially of trisodium d-2-hydroxy-1-(4-sulfonato-1-naphthylazo)-6,8-naphthalenedisulfonate, and subsidiary colouring matters together with sodium chloride and/or sodium sulfate as the principal uncoloured components.

May be converted to the corresponding aluminium lake in which case only the *General Specifications for Aluminium Lakes of Colouring Matters* shall apply.

Chemical names

Trisodium-2-hydroxy-1-(4-sulfonato-1-naphthylazo)-6,8-naphthalenedisulfonate

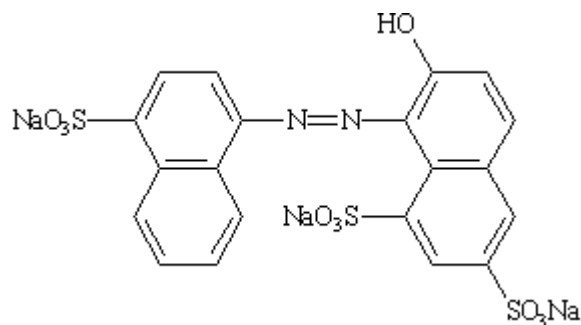
C.A.S. number

2611-82-7

Chemical formula

$C_{20}H_{11}N_2Na_3O_{10}S_3 \cdot 1.5 H_2O$

Structural formula



Formula weight

631.51

Assay

Not less than 85% total colouring matter

### DESCRIPTION

Reddish powder or granules

### FUNCTIONAL USES

Colour

### CHARACTERISTICS

#### IDENTIFICATION

Solubility (Vol. 4)  
Identification of colouring matters (Vol. 4)

Soluble in water; sparingly soluble in ethanol  
Passes test

#### PURITY

<u>Loss on drying at 135°</u> (Vol. 4)	Not more than 20% together with chloride and sulfate calculated as sodium salts
<u>Water insoluble matter</u> (Vol. 4)	Not more than 0.2%
<u>Lead</u> (Vol. 4)	Not more than 2 mg/kg Determine using an atomic absorption technique appropriate to the specified level. The selection of sample size and method of sample preparation may be based on the principles of the method described in Volume 4, "Instrumental Methods."
<u>Subsidiary colouring matters</u> (Vol. 4)	Not more than 1% Use the following conditions: Developing solvent: No. 3 Height of ascent of solvent front: 17 cm, then 1 h further development
<u>Organic compounds other than colouring matters</u> (Vol. 4)	Not more than 0.5% of sum of: 4-amino-1-naphthalenesulfonic acid, 7-hydroxy-1,3-naphthalenedisulfonic acid, 3-hydroxy-2,7-naphthalenesulfonic acid, 6-hydroxy-2-naphthalenesulfonic acid, 7-hydroxy-1,3,6-naphthalenetrisulfonic acid Use <i>liquid chromatography</i> under the following conditions: HPLC elution gradient: 2 to 100% at 2% per min (linear)
<u>Un sulfonated primary aromatic amines</u> (Vol. 4)	Not more than 0.01% calculated as aniline
<u>Ether extractable matter</u> (Vol. 4)	Not more than 0.2%
<b>METHOD OF ASSAY</b>	Proceed as directed under <i>Total Content by Titration with Titanous Chloride</i> in Volume 4, using the following:  Weight of sample: 0.7-0.8 g Buffer: 10 g sodium citrate Weight (D) of colouring matters equivalent to 1.00 ml of 0.1 N TiCl <sub>3</sub> : 15.78 mg