

Change Notification

Change notice: CR2416

Date of notification: Jan 19, 2026

Change(s): Test method to determine identification of agricultural ethanol will be updated. Identification set A, C and D will no longer be used, since identification set A, B is preferred by the European Pharmacopeia.

Scope of change(s): Containing a base of 96% or anhydrous (99,5%) ethanol, from agricultural origin.

The change does not impact ethanol products with a synthetic origin (e.g. 1047, 1122, 1050). Furthermore, it does not impact alcohol for drinking.

Date of implementation: March 1, 2026

Dear Customer,

The European Pharmacopeia requires identity tests to verify that chemical substances “conform to the description on the label”.

For ethanol, Ph.Eur. monograph 1317 and 1318, there are two sets of identifications tests.

- The *First identification* set consists of two tests, relative density (A) and infrared absorption spectrophotometry (B). If both tests are approved, the identification is complete.
- The *Second identification* consists of test A, C and D, and *may* be performed in lieu of the First identification. C and D are chemical reaction tests, each inferior to IR-spectroscopy but adequate if used together.

The First identification set (A, B) is preferred by the pharmacopeia and may be used in all circumstances. Starting March 1, 2026, this will be the identification set performed on the raw material.

Thanks for your attention to this matter!

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