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## **CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS**

**REFERENCE MATERIAL No. IPO 692**

### **SIMAZINE**

*6-chloro- $N^2,N^4$ -diethyl-1,3,5-triazine-2,4-diamine*

$C_7H_{12}ClN_5$  (201.7)

CAS REG. No. [122-34-9]

Series No. 3D/14

Valid to: December 2020

**Purity:  $99.5 \pm 0.3\%$  (m/m)**

Unit: 0.25 g of crystalline solid in a brown glass vial.

Storage: The material should be stored in the original closed vial in a refrigerator at  $5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  until it is required to use. Allow to equilibrate to ambient temperature before opening. It is intended for use as a reference material for the calibration of measuring equipment, for the evaluation of analytical procedures.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF THE IDENTITY**

The identity of the product was established by infrared spectroscopy and mass spectrometry.

The IR spectrum (KBr disc technique, scanning from  $4000$  to  $400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) of sample was compared with simazine literature spectrum<sup>1,2</sup>. Significant differences were not observed.

The mass spectrum (EI, 70 eV, temperature of ion source  $250^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) was also recorded and no significant differences were observed in comparison with the literature spectrum<sup>2,3</sup>.

#### **DETERMINATION OF THE PURITY**

Representative samples were drawn from the bulk material. The purity value was based on determinations made on these representative samples using the following methods:

- gas chromatography (GC)
- high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC)
- determination of sulphated ash
- determination of water content

The uncertainties quoted below are the half-width of a 95% confidence interval based on the standard deviation of the results obtained. The certified uncertainty is the combined uncertainty calculated according to the methodology described in<sup>4</sup> with a coverage factor  $k = 2$ . It corresponds to a confidence level of 95 %.

#### Determination by GC

Column I: fused-silica DB-1 (30 m x 0.53 mm i.d.), film thickness  $3.0\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ .

Temperature conditions:

- Column:  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$  (5 min) to  $180^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $5^{\circ}/\text{min}$ ),  $180^{\circ}\text{C}$  (10 min) to  $240^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $5^{\circ}/\text{min}$ )
- Injector:  $230^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Detector (flame ionisation):  $270^{\circ}\text{C}$

Carrier gas: 5 ml/min.

Injection volume: 1.0 µl of sample solutions in chloroform (0.06 – 0.10 % *m/V*).

The purity was calculated by peak area normalisation of the chromatograms. Five impurities were detected with a total concentration of  $0.51 \pm 0.05$  % (*m/m*) (*n* = 4).

Column II: fused-silica DB-210 (30 m x 0.53 mm i.d.), film thickness 1.5 µm.

Temperature conditions:

- Column: 40 °C (3 min) to 230 °C (5°/min)
- Injector: 230°C
- Detector (flame ionisation): 270°C

Carrier gas: 6 ml/min.

Injection volume: 1.0 µl of sample solutions in chloroform (0.06 – 0.10% *m/V*).

The purity was calculated by peak area normalisation of the chromatograms. Four impurities were detected with a total concentration of  $0.51 \pm 0.01$  % (*m/m*) (*n* = 4).

#### Determination by HPLC

- Column: Luna C<sub>18</sub>, 5 µm, 250 x 4.6 mm i.d.
- Mobile phase: methanol + water (60:40, V/V)
- Flow rate: 0.8 ml/min
- UV detection at 215 nm.
- Injection volume: 20 µl of sample solutions in methanol (0.02 – 0.03% *m/V*).

The purity was determined assuming equal detector response factors for all constituents.

Two impurities were detected with a total concentration of  $0.14 \pm 0.01$  % (*m/m*) (*n* = 4).

#### Determination of sulphated ash

Result: not more than 0.02% (*m/m*)

#### Determination of water content

By the Karl Fischer method. Result: 0.07% (*m/m*)

### CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of GC, HPLC method and other determinations the purity of this batch of simazine was assessed as  $99.5 \pm 0.3$  % (*m/m*).

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