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Introduction

Normally the general requirements for baby toilet soap are similar to those prescribed for toilet soap meant for adults. However, on account of natural difference between a baby's skin and an adult's skin due regard to toxicity and dermatological consideration is given during the manufacture of baby toilet soap. This is because the skin of babies, being much thinner and less cornified than that of an adult is highly susceptible to irritation and resistance to bacterial attack is not fully developed in the very young ones. If superficial layers of the epidermis are damaged by any means, for example, by the use of harsh toiletries, various skin disorders may develop. It is however not practicable to prescribe all such factors. It is, therefore, emphasized that manufacturers of baby toilet soap shall take the responsibility to establish and ensure dermatological safety of the soap.

In order to achieve dermatological safety of baby toilet soap the choice and selection of appropriate quality and quantity of different raw materials is very important.

In this specification, unlike normal toilet soap, the use of rosin has not been allowed because of account of its unsaturated nature, its soap may lead to irritation of the skin. On similar consideration a higher limit for total fatty matter (76%), low limits for free caustic alkali and free carbonated alkali and low limits for heavy metals, namely, nickel, copper, iron, lead, mercury and Arsenic have been prescribed.

Baby toilet soap — Specification

1 Scope

This Draft East African Standard prescribes the requirements, sampling and test methods for baby toilet soap.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EAS 847-16, *Cosmetics — Analytical methods — Part 16: Determination of lead, mercury and arsenic content*

EAS 847-24, *Cosmetics - Analytical methods - Part 24: Determination of matter insoluble in boiling water*

ISO 1067, *Analysis of soap — Determination of unsaponifiable, unsaponified and unsaponified saponifiable matter*

ISO 456, *Surface active agents — Analysis of soaps — Determination of free caustic alkali*

ISO 457, *Soaps — Determination of chloride content — Titrimetric method*

ISO 672, *Soaps — Determination of moisture and volatile matter content — Oven method*

ISO 673, *Soaps — Determination of content of ethanol-insoluble matter*

ISO 684, *Analysis of soaps — Determination of total free alkali*

ISO 685, *Analysis of soaps — Determination of total alkali content and total fatty matter content*

EAS 377 (All parts), *Cosmetics and cosmetic products*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 862 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

4 Requirements

4.1 General requirements

4.1.1 Baby toilet soap shall be:

- a) mildly perfumed or unperfumed, and

- b) free from objectionable odour,
- c) not contain any rosin

4.1.3 All materials used in preparation of baby toilet soap shall comply with EAS 377

4.2 Specific requirements

Baby toilet soap shall comply with the specific requirements given in Table 1 when tested in accordance with test methods therein

Table 1 — Specific requirements for baby toilet soap

S. No.	Characteristic	Requirements	Method of test
i.	Total fatty matter, % m/m, min	76	ISO 685
ii.	Moisture and volatile matter (at 105 °C), % m/m, max	15.0	ISO 672
iii.	Matter insoluble in alcohol, % m/m, max	0.2	ISO 673
iv.	Matter insoluble in water, % m/m, max	0.5	EAS 847-24
v.	Unsaponified fatty matter content, % m/m, max	0.5	ISO 1067
vi.	Free caustic alkali, as sodium hydroxide (NaOH), % m/m, max	0.03	ISO 456
vii.	Chlorides, as sodium chloride (NaCl), % m/m, max	1.0	ISO 457
viii.	Free carbonated alkali, %m/m, max	0.5	ISO 684
ix.	Grittiness	To pass the test	Annex A
x.	Nickel content	Not detected	Annex B
xi.	Rosins, as % of total fatty matter	To pass the test	Annex C and D
xii.	Iron content, mg/kg, max	10	Annex E
xiii.	Copper (as Cu) contents, mg/kg, max	3	Annex F
xiv.	Lead, mg/kg, max	10	EAS 847-16
xv.	Mercury, mg/kg, max	2	
xvi.	Arsenic, mg/kg, max	2	

Note:

Calculation of results

Baby toilet soap is liable to lose moisture on storage. The results of analysis in respect of other characteristics shall be recalculated in relation to the minimum specified total fatty matter by means of the equations:

$$\text{Recalculated result} = \text{Actual result} \times \frac{\text{Minimum specified total fatty matter}}{\text{Actual total fatty matter}}$$

Where the minimum specified total fatty matter = 76.0 %.

5 Packaging

Baby toilet soap shall be so wrapped as to protect it from damage and excessive loss or gain of moisture.

6 Labelling

Each package shall be securely closed, legibly and indelibly labelled in English and/or any other official language (French, Kiswahili, etc) used in the importing East African Partner State with the following information:

- a) name of the product as "Baby toilet soap" or "Baby soap";
- b) manufacturer's name and physical address;
- c) batch or code number;
- d) list of ingredients
- e) net content;
- f) country of origin;
- g) date of manufacture;
- h) best before date; and
- i) Safety precaution/warning.

NOTE The name, physical address of the distributor/supplier and trade mark may be added.

7 Sampling

Sampling shall be done in accordance with Annex G.

Annex A
(normative)

Test for grittiness

A.1 Outline of the method

Soap is rubbed with water between the hands for a specified time and examined for its gritty or rough feel, if any.

A.2 Procedure

A.2.1 Hold a bar of soap in running tap water and rub between both hands for about 3 min. No gritty or rough feel should be perceived while rubbing the soap surface. Examine the surface of the bar which shall not be rough and shall feel smooth when the fingers are moved across the surface.

A.2.2 Set the bar on and let it dry for 24 h at room temperature and examine its surface. The soap shall be taken to have passed the test if there is no gritty or rough feel on the surface.

Annex B (normative)

Test for nickel content

B.0 Outline of the method

The method is based on the isolation of metal from the soap and reaction between nickel in the oxidized form with dimethyl glyoxime forming a red colour.

B.1 Reagents

B.1.1 Sodium hydroxide — AR grade.

B.1.2 Concentrated hydrochloric acid — Conforming to relevant standard.

B.1.3 Dimethyl glyoxime solution — 0.1 percent (v/v) in 95 percent ethyl alcohol.

B.1.4 Saturated bromine water

B.1.5 Liquor ammonia — Relative density 0.9.

B.2 Procedure

B.2.1 Isolation of metals from soap

Weigh 50 g of soap in a beaker and dissolve in hot water. Add to this soap solution 40 mL of concentrated hydrochloric acid, stir and keep on steam bath until fatty acid layer separates. Add 20 g of paraffin wax, stir at intervals and allow it to settle until phases are clear. Cool to room temperature.

B.2.1.1 Remove wax cake with rod, rinse with water and add rinsing to aqueous phase. Evaporate, aqueous phase to about 60 mL by gentle boiling. Add 100 mL of water and filter through paper washed previously with hydrochloric acid. Evaporate filtrate and washings to about 60 mL. Cool and transfer to volumetric flask. Make up the volume to 100 mL. Take aliquot portions for metal estimation.

B.2.2 Test for nickel content

Take 50 mL aliquot of the aqueous solution from the test solution in a 250 mL beaker. Evaporate the solution to about 15 mL by heating. Transfer the solution to a 50 mL glass stoppered volumetric flask using a small quantity of water for rinsing the solution from the beaker into the volumetric flask. Add to the flask 3 mL of saturated bromine water and allow to stand for one minute. Add liquor ammonia dropwise until excess bromine is destroyed as indicated by the disappearance of brown colour. Then add 5 mL of liquor ammonia in excess. If a precipitation occurs, filter the solution and wash the precipitate with distilled water; combine the filtrate and the washings and concentrate to a volume of a few millilitres and transfer to a 50 mL volumetric flask. Add 10 mL of dimethyl glyoxime solution, followed by 15-20 mL of 95 percent ethyl alcohol. Mix thoroughly and make up the volume and again mix thoroughly. Allow the solution to stand for 5 minutes to permit full development of colour.

The sample shall be considered to have passed the test if no pink colour develops.

Annex C (normative)

Identification of rosin content of fatty mater in soaps

C.1 Scope

This Annex specifies the Halphen-Grimaldi and Liebermann-Storch method for the identification of rosin in fatty matter.

C.2 Reagents

NOTE Use only analytical grade reagents and distilled water.

C.2.1 Acetic anhydride.

C.2.2 Sulphuric acid, density 1.53 g/mL (Cautiously add 97 mL of sulphuric acid "density 1.84 g/mL" to 100 mL of water).

C.2.3 Solution A. Dissolve 10 g of phenol in 27 mL of chloroform.

C.2.4 Solution B. Dissolve 10 mL of bromine in 40 mL of chloroform.

C.3 Procedure

C.3.1 Halphen-Grimaldi method

C.3.1.1 Place one or two drops of the fatty matter, reserved from the determination of fatty matter (ISO 685), in a porcelain basin and add approximately 2 mL of the solution A to dissolve it. Wet the walls of the basin by tilting and turning it and let it stand for a few seconds so that the walls of the basin are covered with a very thin film of the solution.

C.3.1.2 Hold the neck of the flask containing the solution B in such a position that the bromine vapour diffuses into the porcelain dish and comes into contact with the walls. In the presence of rosin a blueish-grey to purple colour develops immediately.

C.3.1.3 Carry out a comparison test with a sample of fatty matter to which 2 % (*m/m*) of rosin has been added.

NOTE Should the colour reaction in A.3.1.2 be masked by other colours, conduct a second qualitative test, using the Liebermann-Storch method.

C.3.2 Liebermann-Storch method

C.3.2.1 Place 1 g - 2 g of the fatty matter in a test tube, add 5 mL - 10 mL of the acetic anhydride, and heat the mixture in a boiling water bath for approximately 3 min. Cool to room temperature and pour 1 mL - 2 mL of the solution into a white porcelain basin.

C.3.2.2 Allow one or two drops of the sulphuric acid to run down the side of the basin. If rosin is present, a violet colour immediately develops where the acid is in contact with the solution. This colour then turns brown on standing.

C.3.2.3 Carry out a comparison test with a sample of fatty matter to which 2 % (*m/m*) of rosin has been added.

Annex D (normative)

Determination of rosin content of fatty mater in soaps

D.1 Scope

This Annex specifies a method for the determination of the rosin content of fatty matter in soaps.

NOTE: Before proceeding with the quantitative determination of rosin, first establish its presence by a qualitative test (see Annex C).

D.2 Reagents

NOTE Use only analytical grade reagents and distilled water.

D.2.1 Diethyl ether (Free from peroxides)

D.2.2 Sodium chloride

D.2.3 Anhydrous Sodium sulfate

D.2.4 Hydrochloric acid solution - Dilute one volume of concentrated hydrochloric acid (density 1.16 g/mL) with two volumes of distilled water.

D.2.5 Sodium hydroxide solution - 10 % w/v.

D.2.6 Naphthalene-2-sulfonic acid solution - Dissolve 40 g of naphthalene-2-sulfonic acid in 1 L of absolute methanol.

D.2.7 Sodium chloride solution, saturated - Shake an excess of sodium chloride with distilled water at ambient temperature until no more dissolves. Keep the solution over solid sodium chloride.

D.2.8 Sodium chloride solution, 10 % w/v - Dissolve 10 g of sodium chloride in a little distilled water in 100-mL volumetric flask and top up to the mark.

D.2.9 Standard ethanolic potassium hydroxide solution, 0.2 N

D.2.9.1 Preparation

Purify 95 % v/v ethanol by boiling 1.5 L of it over 20 g of potassium hydroxide for 1 h under reflux. Distil, discarding the first 50 mL of the distillate and stopping the distillation when approximately 1.3 L have been distilled. Dissolve 12 g of potassium hydroxide in 1 L of the purified ethanol, allow the solution to stand for approximately one week, and then decant the clear supernatant liquid from any potassium carbonate that has precipitated.

D.2.9.2 Standardization

Accurately weigh out approximately 1 g of potassium hydrogen phthalate (previously dried at 110 °C ± 5 °C for 3 h) into a 250 mL Erlenmeyer flask. Add approximately 100 mL of carbon dioxide-free distilled water and three drops to five drops of the phenolphthalein indicator, and swirl gently until the solid has dissolved. Titrate the solution with the standard ethanolic potassium hydroxide solution, until a permanent pink colour is formed.

D.2.9.3 Calculation

Normality of the standard ethanolic potassium hydroxide solution (*N*):

$$N = \frac{A \times 4.897}{B}$$

where

A is the mass of the potassium hydrogen phthalate, in grams;

B is the volume of the standard ethanolic potassium hydroxide solution used for the titration, in millilitres.

D.2.10 Methyl orange indicator - Dissolve 0.2 g of methyl orange in 100 mL of carbon dioxide-free water.

D.2.11 Phenolphthalein indicator - Dissolve 0.5 g of phenolphthalein in 100 mL of freshly boiled, 95 % (by volume fraction) ethanol.

D.3 Procedure

D.3.1 Preparation of fatty matter

D.3.1.1 Carbolic soaps

D.3.1.1.1 Weigh out accurately into a 600 mL beaker such quantity of the test sample as contains approximately 40 g of fatty matter and dissolve it in approximately 400 mL of hot water, to which 40 mL of the sodium hydroxide solution has been added.

D.3.1.1.2 Salt out the soap by adding sufficient sodium chloride to the hot solution to saturate it (at ambient temperature) with sodium chloride. Filter the soap quantitatively, and allow it to drain.

D.3.1.1.3 Dissolve the drained soap in approximately 400 mL of hot water, and repeat the salting out and filtering procedure.

D.3.1.1.4 Wash the soap thoroughly with the saturated sodium chloride solution, and proceed in accordance with D.3.1.2.2 to D.3.1.2.7.

D.3.1.1.5 Reserve the combined filtrates and washings for the determination of carbolic acids.

D.3.1.2 Other soaps

D.3.1.2.1 Weigh accurately into a 600 mL beaker such quantity of the test sample as contains approximately 40 g of fatty matter.

D.3.1.2.2 Dissolve the soap in approximately 400 mL of hot distilled water, cool the solution, and slowly add an excess of the hydrochloric acid solution. Cover the beaker with a watch-glass and heat the contents until the fatty matter separates into a clear layer, but do not allow the temperature to exceed 60 °C.

D.3.1.2.3 In the cases of liquid and gel soaps, acidify the soap as it is.

D.3.1.2.4 Cool to approximately 25 °C and transfer the contents of the beaker to a separating funnel. Rinse the watch-glass and the beaker with portions of the diethyl ether totalling 100 mL and add them to the separating funnel. Shake the mixture in the separating funnel vigorously for 1 min, and let it stand until the two phases have separated.

D.3.1.2.5 Draw off and discard the aqueous layer and wash the ether extract with 50 mL portions of the sodium chloride solution until the last washing is neutral to the methyl orange indicator.

D.3.1.2.6 Filter the washed ether extract into a 250 mL beaker through a filter paper containing approximately 5 g of anhydrous sodium sulfate, and wash the separating funnel and the filter with small portions of the diethyl ether.

D.3.1.2.7 Evaporate the ether extract plus washings on a warm water bath. When the residue is just dry, heat it rapidly to 130 °C and immediately place the beaker in a desiccator to cool.

NOTE D.3.1.2.2 to D.3.1.2.7 should be completed in the shortest possible period of time, so as to prevent oxidation of the fatty acids.

D.3.2 Determination of rosin content

D.3.2.1 Weigh accurately into a 150 mL flask with a ground-glass joint approximately 2 g of the prepared fatty matter (D.3.1.2.7) and reserve the rest in the case of soap powders for the fatty matter titre determination.

D.3.2.2 Add exactly 25 mL of the naphthalene-2-sulfonic acid solution to the flask and two or three glass beads, and boil under reflux for 30 min.

D.3.2.3 Carry out a blank test at the same time, using exactly 25 mL of the naphthalene-2-sulfonic acid solution only.

D.3.2.4 Cool the contents of both flasks (sample and blank) to ambient temperature, add 0.5 mL of the phenolphthalein indicator to each flask, and immediately titrate to the end point with the standard ethanolic potassium hydroxide solution.

D.4 Calculation

Rosin content of fatty matter, as a mass fraction percentage (R):

$$R = \frac{(A - B) \times N \times 34.6}{C} - 1.0$$

Where

- A is the volume of the standard ethanolic potassium hydroxide solution used for the titration of the sample solution, in millilitres;
- B is the volume of the standard ethanolic potassium hydroxide solution used for the titration of the blank solution, in millilitres;
- N is the normality of the standard ethanolic potassium hydroxide solution;
- C is the mass of the fatty matter taken, in grams.

Annex E (normative)

Determination of iron content

E.0 Outline of the method

The method is based on the isolation of metal from the soap by dissolving in hot water. The aqueous extract is treated with citric acid to sequester aluminium and then thioglycolic acid in ammoniacal solution is added and colour measured spectrophotometrically.

E.1 Apparatus

Spectrophotometer

E.2 Reagents

E.2.1 Liquor Ammonia — Relative density 0.9.

E.2.2 Sulfuric acid — 50 percent (v/v).

E.2.3 Citric acid (aqueous solution) — 50 percent (v/v).

E.2.4 Thioglycolic acid (aqueous solution)

E.2.5 Standard iron solution — Containing 10 µg of iron per mL prepared from ferric ammonium sulphate $[\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ in acid solution.

E.2.6 Methyl red indicator — 0.1 percent aqueous solution.

E.2.7 concentrated hydrochloric acid

E.2.8 paraffin wax

E.3 Procedure

C.3.1 Isolation of metals from soap

Weigh 50 g of the soap sample in a beaker and dissolve it with hot water. To this soap solution add 40 mL of concentrated hydrochloric acid with constant stirring and keep the beaker on steam bath until fatty acid layer separates. Add 20 g of paraffin wax to this solution while hot. Stir the solution at intervals and allow it to settle until phases are clear. Cool the mass to room temperature. Remove the wax cake with rod, rinse with water and add the rinsing to aqueous phase. Evaporate the aqueous phase to above 60 mL by gentle boiling. Add 100 mL of water and filter through paper washed previously with hydrochloric acid. Evaporate the filtrate and washings to about 60 mL. Cool and transfer the solution to a volumetric flask and make up the volume to 100 mL. Take aliquot portion of the solution for metal estimation.

C.3.2 Determination of iron

Take 5 mL aliquot of the aqueous solution from the test solution in a 25 mL volumetric flask. To this add 4 mL citric acid solution and 0.02 mL methyl red indicator and liquor ammonia till the colour of the solution turns yellow. Then add 3 mL liquor ammonia in excess. Cool the solution and add 3 mL thioglycolic acid. Make up the volume to 25 mL and mix the solution thoroughly. Filter the solution through acid washed and dried filter paper. Measure absorbance of the clear solution at 540 nm in the spectrophotometer using water as reference. Prepare a calibration curve with standard iron solution and determine the iron content of the soap sample from it.

Annex F (normative)

Determination of copper content

F.0 Outline of the method

The method is based on the isolation of metal from the soap and to make a copper complex using zinc dibenzyl dithiocarbamate in carbon tetrachloride solution and measure the colour of the solution spectrophotometrically.

F.1 Apparatus

Spectrophotometer

F.2 Reagents

F.2.1 Zinc dibenzyl dithiocarbamate solution — 0.05 percent in (v/v) in carbon tetrachloride.

F.2.2 Standard copper solution — Containing 1 µg of copper per mL (prepared from a stock solution of 100 times the concentration). concentrated hydrochloric acid paraffin wax sulphuric acid

F.3 Procedure

F.3.1 Isolation of metal from soap

Weigh 50 g of soap sample in a beaker and dissolve it with hot water. To this soap solution add 40 mL of concentrated hydrochloric acid with constant stirring and keep the beaker on steam bath until fatty acid layer separates. Add 20 g of paraffin wax to this solution while hot. Stir the solution at intervals and allow it to settle until phases are clear. Cool the mass to room temperature. Remove the wax cake with rod, rinse with water and add the rinsing to aqueous phase. Evaporate the aqueous phase to about 60 mL by gentle boiling. Add 100 mL of water and filter through filter paper washed previously with hydrochloric acid. Evaporate the filtrate and washings to about 60 mL. Cool and transfer the solution to a volumetric flask and made up the volume to 100 mL. Take aliquot portion of the solution for metal estimation.

F.3.2 Determination of copper

Take 20 mL aliquot of the aqueous solution and to it add 10 mL of zinc dibenzyl dithiocarbamate solution followed by 25 mL sulphuric acid in a separating funnel. Shake the solution for one minute and allow it to settle. Run the lower carbon tetrachloride layer in to a 25 mL volumetric flask. Wash the aqueous layer with carbon tetrachloride and transfer through glass wool to volumetric flask. Make up the volume and mix well. Measure absorption of the clear solution at 435 nm in the spectrophotometer. Prepare a calibration curve with standard copper solution and determine the copper content of the soap sample from the curve.

NOTE The standard solution shall also be extracted with carbon tetrachloride before estimation of colour.

Annex G

(normative)

Sampling

G.1 Procedure

G.1.1 In a single consignment, all packages (cartons) containing toilet soap cakes drawn from the same batch of production shall constitute a lot. For ascertaining the conformity of the lot to the requirements of this standard, tests shall be carried out on each lot separately. The number of packages to be selected for drawing the sample shall be in accordance with Table G.1.

Table G.1 — Scale of sampling

Number of packages (cartons) in the lot <i>N</i>	Number of packages (cartons) to be selected <i>n</i>	Number of samples
4 to 15	3	3
16 to 40	4	4
41 to 65	5	2
66 to 110	7	2
111 and above	10	1

G.1.2 The packages shall be selected at random, using tables of random numbers. If these are not available, the following procedure shall be applied:

Starting from any package, count all the packages in one order as 1, 2, 3... *N*, selecting every k^{th} package, where k is the integral part of $N \div n$.

G.1.3 From each package thus selected, draw at random an equal number of cakes so as to obtain a total mass of at least 2 kg.

G.2 Preparation of test samples

G.2.1 Composite sample

Weigh each cake separately (including any material that may have adhered to the wrapper), and calculate the average mass. Cut each of the remaining cakes into eight parts by means of three cuts at right angles to each other through the middle. Grate finely the whole of two diagonally opposite eighths of each specimen. Mix the gratings and place in a clean, dry, airtight glass container.

G.2.2 Samples for testing

Immediately after preparation of composite sample (G.2.1), take at one time all test samples required for the tests in E.2. Weigh out the test sample required for determination of free alkali or acid content, and use it immediately.

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