Commentary
Food Chemicals Codex (FCC), Thirteenth Edition, Second Supplement

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The Commentary is not part of the text of the monograph or general test or assay. Rather, it explains the basis of the FIEC’s response to public comments. If there is a difference between the contents of the Commentary section and the monograph or general test or assay, the text of the monograph prevails. In cases of a dispute or question of interpretation, the language of the monograph text, alone and independent of the Commentary, prevails.

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Comments were received for the following when they were proposed in the FCC Forum:

- Cholic Acid
- Paprika Oleoresin
- Schizochytrium Oil

No comments were received for the following when they were proposed in the FCC Forum:

- Allyl Disulfide
- Allyl Mercaptan
- Allyl Sulfide
- Appendix II – Physical Tests and Determinations, Water Determination
- Appendix III – Chemical Tests and Determinations, Elemental Impurities by ICP
- Aspartame-Acesulfame Salt
- Biphenyl
- Folic Acid
- Galacto-oligosaccharides
- Isomaltooligosaccharides
- Potato Protein
- Sodium Molybdate Dihydrate
- Spice Oleoresins
- Whey Protein Concentrate
- Whey Protein Isolate

Monograph/Section(s): Cholic Acid/Description
Expert Committee: Food Ingredients
No. of Commenters: 1

Comment Summary #1: The commenter requested that the solubility stated in the Description be revised from “one g dissolves in about 30 mL of alcohol or acetone and in about 7 mL of glacial acetic acid” to “one gram in 33 mL of alcohol and one gram in 6.5 mL of glacial acetic acid,” to provide more precise solubility parameters.

Response: Comment not incorporated. The Description section of FCC monographs does not convey specifications. Statements related to solubility in the Description are intended to be informational only and may be approximate. The existing solubility information is accurate without revision.

Monograph/Section(s): Paprika Oleoresin/Title
Expert Committee: Food Ingredients
Comment Summary #1: The commenter requested that the *Title* of this monograph be revised from “Paprika Oleoresin” to “Oleoresin Paprika” for consistency with ingredient names referenced in the *Spice Oleoresins* monograph and to avoid confusion.

Response: Comment not incorporated. The requested new *Title* “Oleoresin Paprika” is already included in the synonyms and is a searchable term within *FCC/Forum Online*. The current *Title* is also consistent with the naming convention applied to at least one other *FCC* monograph, *Turmeric Oleoresin*.

Monograph/Section(s): Schizochytrium Oil/Description
Expert Committee: Food Ingredients
No. of Commenters: 1

Comment Summary #1: The commenter indicated that the phrase "followed by solvent extraction or aqueous extraction methods" in the *Description* is confusing, because “aqueous extraction” falls within the definition of “solvent extraction.” The commenter requested rephrasing the statement to more specifically describe extraction methods used in the manufacture of this ingredient.

Response: Comment incorporated. The section was revised to state “followed by extraction” to avoid repetition or placing limits on allowed extraction techniques.