

Aim: Preparation of Cresol with Soap Solution

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Objective

To prepare 100 mL of **Cresol with Soap Solution**, a widely used disinfectant and antiseptic solution.

Materials Required

Chemicals:

- Cresol: 50 mL
- Soft Soap: 25 g
- Distilled Water: q.s. to 100 mL

Equipment:

- Analytical balance
- Beaker (100 mL, 250 mL)
- Measuring cylinder (50 mL, 100 mL)
- Stirring rod
- Water bath
- Funnel
- Amber-colored storage bottle

Principle

Cresol, a phenolic compound, is only sparingly soluble in water. To create an effective aqueous disinfectant solution, it is emulsified using soap, which acts as a surfactant. The soap molecules reduce the surface tension between cresol and water, allowing cresol to form a stable emulsion.

This enhances the dispersion of cresol throughout the solution, thereby improving its antimicrobial effectiveness. The resulting cresol with soap solution maintains the disinfectant properties of cresol while gaining the added cleaning action of soap, making it suitable for use in hygiene and sanitation applications.

Procedure

1. Dissolution of Soap:

- Weigh 25 g of soft soap and transfer it into a 250 mL beaker.
- Add 50 mL of distilled water and heat gently on a water bath while stirring to dissolve the soap completely.

2. Addition of Cresol:

- Measure 50 mL of cresol using a measuring cylinder and add it gradually to the soap solution with constant stirring.
- Continue stirring until a uniform emulsion is formed.

3. Adjustment of Volume:

- Transfer the solution to a measuring cylinder and add distilled water to make the total volume up to 100 mL.
- Mix thoroughly to ensure homogeneity.

4. Filtration (if necessary):

- If there are undissolved particles, filter the solution through muslin cloth or filter paper.

5. Packaging:

- Transfer the prepared solution into an amber-colored glass bottle to protect it from light.
- Seal the bottle tightly to avoid exposure to air and evaporation.

Label

- **Product Name:** Cresol with Soap Solution
- **Usage:** For external use as a disinfectant or antiseptic. Dilute with water before use as per requirements.
- **Storage:** Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight.

- **Precautions:** Keep out of reach of children. Avoid contact with eyes or ingestion.

Precautions

1. Handle cresol with care as it is toxic and can cause irritation to the skin and mucous membranes.
2. Maintain proper hygiene during preparation to prevent contamination.
3. Use distilled water to ensure the stability and clarity of the solution.
4. Wear gloves and work in a well-ventilated area.

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