

Specification for

Containers for pharmaceutical dispensing —

Part 5: Eye dropper bottles

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Foreword

This Part of this British Standard is one of a series which has been prepared under the authority of the Packaging Standards Committee, following a request from the then Ministry of Health for British Standards for containers suitable for pharmacists to use for National Health Service dispensing.

The following specifications have already been issued in this series as Parts of BS 1679 “*Containers for pharmaceutical dispensing*” — Part 1 “*Paperboard boxes and cartons and components*” — Part 2 “*Glass Containers*” — Part 3 “*Metal Containers*” — Part 4 “*Plastics Containers*” — Part 6 “*Glass medicine bottles*” and Part 7 “*Ribbed oval glass bottles*”.

Part 5 of this standard deals with eye dropper bottles and their component parts and was first published in 1965. The present edition has been modified to allow the use of bottles other than those of hexagonal cross section provided that they are readily distinguishable by touch. The designs of the cap, teat and neck finish of the bottle have been modified to improve the efficiency of closure of the container, and these items are now more closely specified than in the previous edition.

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This standard has been updated (see copyright date) and may have had amendments incorporated. This will be indicated in the amendment table on the inside front cover.

1 Scope

This Part of this British Standard specifies materials, construction, capacity, performance and sampling requirements for eye dropper bottles for dispensing purposes. Methods of test are given in the Appendices.

NOTE The title of the British Standard referred to in this standard is given on page 10.

2 Description

An eye dropper bottle consists of a bottle fitted with a cap, teat and dropper tube. A typical example is illustrated in Figure 1.

