The International Pharmacopoeia, Second Edition

The Second Edition was published in 1967 as *Specifications for the Quality Control of Pharmaceutical Preparations*, with a subtitle classifying it as the Second Edition of *The International Pharmacopoeia*.

Owing to the development of new analytical techniques such as infrared spectroscopy, chromatography (column, paper and thin-layer), non-aqueous titration and radioactivity, the Second Edition incorporated numerous alterations and constituted a revision of the First Edition.

The selection of monographs and appendices was based largely on the availability, at the time of preparation, of specifications intended for publication in national pharmacopoeias and in other volumes of specifications for pharmaceutical quality control. Specifications for 162 pharmaceutical preparations not included in the First Edition were introduced in the Second Edition, while 114 monographs were deleted, based on feedback from the First Edition. New analytical methods were also added. The specifications and methods in the monographs were tested in a number of national pharmacopoeial and pharmaceutical quality control laboratories, in pharmaceutical manufacturers' laboratories and at various pharmacopoeial institutes.

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