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- ◆ English and Latin titles of drugs were based on International Nonproprietary Names for Pharmaceutical Substances, and chemical names were based on Rules of International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC).
- ◆ General Rules for Preparations which were revised are General Notices for Preparations; Extracts; Capsules; Transdermal Systems (new addition); Tablets; Injections; Plasters and Pressure Sensitive Adhesive Tapes; and Arrangements for others.
- ◆ In General Tests, Processes and Apparatus, "Content Uniformity Tests" and "Mass Variation Tests" were combined and renamed as "Uniformity of Dosage Units".
- ◆ General Tests, Processes and Apparatus which were revised are Ammonium Limit Test; Arsenic Limit Test; Crude Drugs Test; Disintegration Test; Dissolution Test; Insoluble Particulate Matter Test for Injections; Melting Point Determination; Microbial Assay for Antibiotics; Microbial Limit Test for Crude Drugs; Powder Particle Size Determination; Residue on ignition Test; Specified Surface Area Determination; and Test Methods for Plastic Containers, and which were deleted are Absorbance Ratio Method; Methoxyl Assay; Paper Chromatography, and Volatile Contaminations in Ethanol.
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