DETAILS	
Description	White, very fine, light powder, greasy to the touch, Practically insoluble in water & in anhydrous ethanol.
Identification A(Freezing point)	Have to correspond as Ph. Eur.,BP
Identification B(Acid Value)	195 to 210 as Ph. Eur.,BP
Identification A (USP), D (BP,Ph.Eur)	Have to correspond as USP,BP,Ph.Eur
Identification B (USP), C (BP,Ph.Eur)	Have to correspond as USP,BP,Ph.Eur
Acidity or Alkalinity	Have to correspond as USP,BP,Ph.Eur
Chloride	NMT 0.1% as USP/NF,Ph.Eur.,BP
Sulphates	NMT 0.5% as USP/NF,Ph.Eur.,BP
Cadmium	NMT 3 PPM as USP/NF,Ph.Eur.,BP
Lead	NMT 10 PPM as USP/NF,Ph.Eur.,BP
Nickel	NMT 5 PPM as USP/NF,Ph.Eur.,BP
LOD	NMT 6% as USP/NF,Ph.Eur.,BP
Assay of Magnesium	4.0% to 5.0% as USP/NF,Ph.Eur.,BP
Fatty Acid composition	NLT 40% of Stearic Acid & NLT 90% of sum of stearic acids & palmitic acid as USP/NF,Ph.Eur.,BP
Bulk Density	0.22 to 0.35 gm/ml

MICROBIAL LIMITS	
Total Viable Aerobic Count	NMT 1000cfu/g as USP/NF,Ph.Eur.,BP
Total Yeast & Mould Count	NMT 100cfu/g as USP/NF,Ph.Eur.,BP
Escherichia coli	Absent as USP/NF
Salmonella species	Absent as USP/NF