Pullulan is a linear 1,4:1,6-α-D-glucan. The polymer consists mainly of maltotriosyl units linked α-1,6 to the next maltotriosyl unit. However, the polymer does contain a small percentage of maltotetraosyl units which are irregularly distributed within the polysaccharide.

**PROPERTIES:**

Pullulan is supplied as a fine white powder which is odourless and tasteless. It dissolves readily in cold water to give a clear, colourless liquid.

**Viscosity:**  ~ 1 cSt (1%, w/v, 30°C).

**Protein:**  < 0.1%

**Moisture:**  ~ 6%

**Ash:**  < 1%.

**STORAGE CONDITIONS:**

Store dry at room temperature in a well sealed container. Under these conditions, the product is stable for several years.

**METHOD OF DISSOLUTION:**

Pullulan (1.0 gram) is accurately weighed and added to a 120 ml beaker containing 100 ml of water or buffer. A magnetic stirrer bar is added and the mixture is stirred on a magnetic stirrer for about 10 min (i.e. until the solution is clear). Solutions of pullulan can be stored at 4°C for several weeks in a well sealed storage bottle. Microbial contamination is prevented by adding a few drops of toluene to the storage bottle.