The chemical compound ethyl nitrite is an alkyl nitrite. It may be prepared from ethanol.

Ethyl nitrite is the main ingredient in a traditional ethanol-based South African remedy for colds and flu known as Witdulsies and sold in pharmacies. It is known as a traditional Afrikaans remedy and may have Dutch roots, as the same remedy is apparently made by the Germano-Dutch Amish people in the USA. However FDA has blocked over-the-counter sales of this same remedy, known in the USA as sweet nitrite or sweet spirit of nitre since 1980.

Other names

Ethyl nitrite (IUPAC Name); Ethyl ester nitrous acid