

## **hapten**

A low-molecular weight molecule which contains an antigenic determinant but which is not itself antigenic unless complexed with an antigenic carrier. Examples of haptens are dinitrophenols, phosphorylcholine and dextran.

**Source:**

PAC, 1992, 64, 143 (*Glossary for chemists of terms used in biotechnology (IUPAC Recommendations 1992)*) on page 156