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Oil of *Litsea cubeba*

Huile essentielle de Litsea cubeba

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Oil of *Litsea cubeba*

1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies certain characteristics of oil of *Litsea cubeba*, with a view to facilitating the assessment of its quality.

2 REFERENCES

ISO/R 210, *Essential oils – Packing.*

ISO/R 211, *Essential oils – Labelling and marking containers.*

ISO 212, *Essential oils – Sampling.*

ISO/R 279, *Determination of the density and relative density of essential oils.*

ISO/R 280, *Determination of the refractive index of essential oils.*

ISO/R 592, *Determination of the optical rotation of essential oils.*

ISO/R 875, *Determination of solubility of essential oils in ethanol.*

ISO 1279, *Essential oils – Determination of the content of carbonyl compounds – Hydroxylammonium chloride method.*

3 DEFINITION

oil of *litsea cubeba* : The oil obtained by steam distillation from the bark, the leaves and the fresh fruits of *Litsea cubeba* C.H. Persoon, syn : *Tetranthera polyantha* var. *citrata* Nees.

4 REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Appearance

Clear, mobile liquid.

4.2 Colour

Pale yellow.

4.3 Odour

Fresh, recalling citral.

4.4 Relative density at 20/20 °C

Minimum : 0,880

Maximum : 0,892

4.5 Refractive index at 20 °C

Minimum : 1,480 0

Maximum : 1,487 0

4.6 Optical rotation at 20 °C

Range – 1° to + 10°

4.7 Carbonyl compounds, expressed as citral

Minimum : 74 %

4.8 Solubility in 70 % (V/V) ethanol at 20 °C

The solubility in 70 % (V/V) ethanol at 20 °C shall be 1 volume in 3 volumes to give a clear solution.