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**Oil of vetiver** [*Vetiveria zizanioides* (Linnaeus) Nash]

*Huile essentielle de vétiver* [*Vetiveria zizanioides* (Linnaeus) Nash]

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# Oil of vetiver [*Vetiveria zizanioides* (Linnaeus) Nash]

## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies certain characteristics of oil of vetiver [*Vetiveria zizanioides* (Linnaeus) Nash], growing in Reunion and Haiti with a view to facilitating the assessment of its quality.

## 2 References

- ISO/R 210, *Essential oils — Packing*. [standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/31dd2ad6-866d-406d-b64b-3e8cd2183cdf/iso-4716-1987](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/31dd2ad6-866d-406d-b64b-3e8cd2183cdf/iso-4716-1987)
- ISO/R 211, *Essential oils — Labelling and marking containers*.
- ISO 212, *Essential oils — Sampling*.
- ISO 279, *Essential oils — Determination of relative density at 20 °C (Reference method)*.
- ISO 280, *Essential oils — Determination of refractive index*.
- ISO 592, *Essential oils — Determination of optical rotation*.
- ISO 709, *Essential oils — Determination of ester value*.
- ISO 875, *Essential oils — Determination of miscibility in ethanol*.
- ISO 1241, *Essential oils — Determination of ester value after acetylation and evaluation of free alcohols and total alcohols content*.
- ISO 1242, *Essential oils — Determination of the acid value*.
- ISO 1271, *Essential oils — Determination of carbonyl value — Free hydroxylamine method*.
- ISO 3793, *Essential oils — Estimation of primary and secondary free alcohols content by acetylation in pyridine*.
- ISO 3794, *Essential oils (containing tertiary alcohols) — Estimation of free alcohols content by determination of ester value after acetylation*.

## 3 Definition

**oil of vetiver** : The oil obtained by steam distillation of the roots of *Vetiveria zizanioides* (Linnaeus) Nash, of the family graminaceae.

## 4 Requirements

### 4.1 Appearance

Viscous liquid.

### 4.2 Colour

Brown to reddish brown.

### 4.3 Odour

Characteristic.

### 4.4 Relative density at 20/20 °C

	Reunion	Haiti
Minimum...	0,990	0,986
Maximum...	1,015	0,998

### 4.5 Refractive index at 20 °C

Minimum...	1,522 0	1,521 0
Maximum...	1,530 0	1,526 0

### 4.6 Optical rotation at 20 °C

Minimum...	+ 19°	+ 22°
Maximum...	+ 30°	+ 38°

**4.7 Miscibility in 80 % (V/V) ethanol at 20 °C**

1 volume of the oil shall not require more than 2 volumes of 80 % (V/V) ethanol at 20 °C to give a clear solution. A slight opalescence may sometimes appear.

**4.8 Acid value**

	Reunion	Haiti
Maximum...	35	14

**4.9 Ester value**

Minimum...	5	5
Maximum...	16	16

**4.10 Ester value after acetylation<sup>1)</sup>, determined according to ISO 1241**

Minimum...	115	120
Maximum...	145	165

**4.11 Ester value after acetylation, determined according to ISO 3794**

Minimum...	145	158
Maximum...	190	190

**4.12 Carbonyl value**

Minimum...	44 corresponding to 17 % of ketones ( $M_r = 218$ )	23 corresponding to 9 % of ketones ( $M_r = 218$ )
Maximum...	68 corresponding to 26,5 % of ketones ( $M_r = 218$ )	59 corresponding to 23 % of ketones ( $M_r = 218$ )

**4.13 Estimation of primary and secondary free alcohols content, expressed as alcohols of relative molecular mass  $M_r = 220$**

Minimum...	21 %	40 %
Maximum...	50 %	60 %

**4.14 Establishment of chromatographic profile**

See the annex (for information only).

**5 Sampling**

See ISO 212.

Minimum volume of final sample : 40 ml

NOTE — This volume is sufficient to allow all of the tests specified in this International Standard to be carried out at least once.

**6 Methods of test**

**6.1 Relative density at 20/20 °C**

See ISO 279.

**6.2 Refractive index at 20 °C**

See ISO 280.

**6.3 Optical rotation at 20 °C**

See ISO 592.

10 % solution in 95 % (V/V) ethanol.

**6.4 Miscibility in 80 % (V/V) ethanol at 20 °C**

See ISO 875.

**6.5 Acid value**

See ISO 1242.

**6.6 Ester value**

See ISO 709.

Test portion : 5 g

Saponification time : 3 h

**6.7 Ester value after acetylation**

See ISO 1241.

Test portion : 1 g

Saponification time : 3 h

See ISO 3794.

Test portion : 1 g

Acetylation time : 16 h

Saponification time : 3 h

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1) The results may be erroneously high in the presence of a high concentration of ketones.

**6.8 Carbonyl value**

See ISO 1271.

Test portion : 2 g

Standing time : 2 h

**6.9 Primary and secondary free alcohols content**

See ISO 3793.

$M_r = 220$

**6.10 Chromatographic profile**

See the annex (for information only).

**7 Packing, labelling and marking**

See ISO/R 210 and ISO/R 211.

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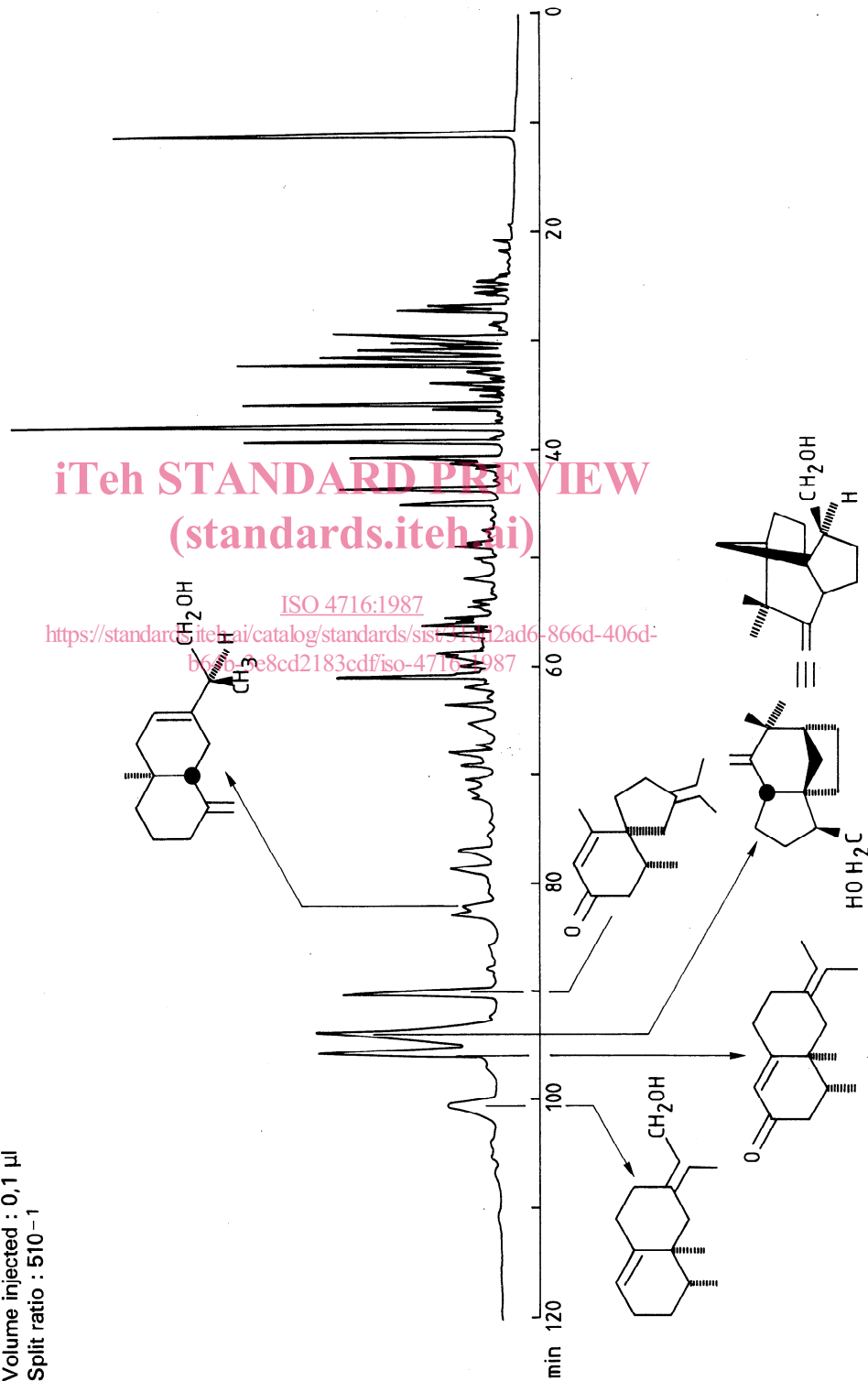
## Annex

### Typical chromatograms

(This annex does not form part of the standard.)

**Sample : oil of vetiver, Bourbon**

Column : glass capillary, length 82 m, internal diameter 0,3 mm  
 Stationary phase : polyethylene glycol 20 000  
 Oven temperature : temperature programme 100 to 180 °C, at 2 °C/min  
 Injection temperature : 235 °C  
 Detector : flame ionization  
 Carrier gas : helium  
 Flow rate 0,5 ml/min  
 Volume injected : 0,1 µl  
 Split ratio : 510-1



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**Sample : oil of vetiver, Haiti**

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Column : glass capillary, length 100 m, internal diameter 0,5 mm, internal diameter 0,5 mm, syst/31.cd2ad6-866d-406d-804b-3e8cd2183cd/iiso-4716-1987  
 Stationary phase : polyethylene glycol 20 000

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Oven temperature : temperature programme 100 to 180 °C, at 2 °C/min

Injection temperature : 220 °C

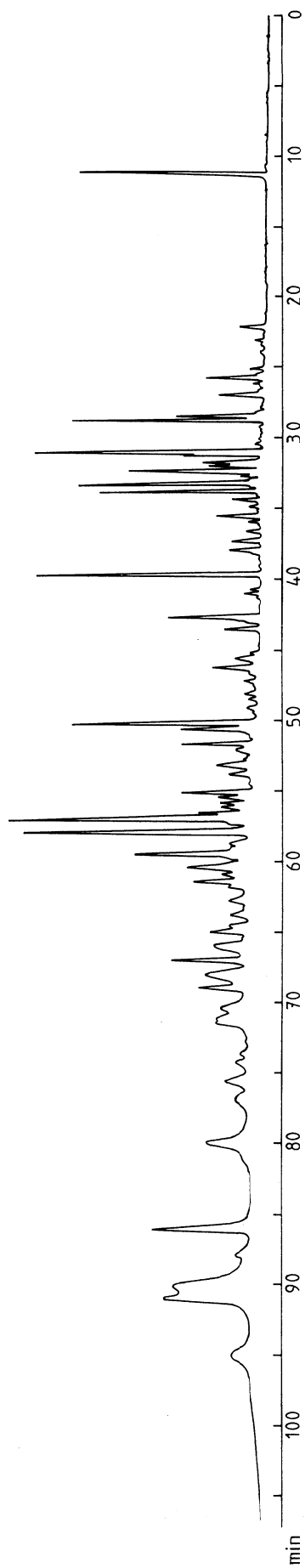
Detector : flame ionization

Carrier gas : helium

Flow rate 2 ml/min

Volume injected : 0,2 µl

Split ratio : 180-1



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