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**Oil of black pepper (*Piper nigrum* L.)**

*Huile essentielle de poivre noir (Piper nigrum L.)*

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# Oil of black pepper (*Piper nigrum* L.)

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies certain characteristics of oil of black pepper (*Piper nigrum* L.), with a view to facilitating the assessment of its quality.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/TR 210, *Essential oils — General rules for packaging, conditioning and storage*

ISO/TR 211, *Essential oils — General rules for labelling and marking of 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 875, *Essential oils — Evaluation of miscibility in ethanol*

ISO 11024-1, *Essential oils — General guidance on chromatographic profiles — Part 1: Preparation of chromatographic profiles for presentation in standards*

ISO 11024-2, *Essential oils — General guidance on chromatographic profiles — Part 2: Utilization of chromatographic profiles of samples of essential oils*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### essential oil of black pepper

essential oil obtained by steam distillation of the whole or broken unripe fruits of *Piper nigrum* L. of the Piperaceae family.

NOTE For information on the CAS number, see ISO/TR 21092<sup>[2]</sup>.

## 4 Requirements

### 4.1 Appearance

Clear mobile liquid.

### 4.2 Colour

Colourless or light coloured (yellow, green, blue).

### 4.3 Odour

Spicy, woody.

### 4.4 Relative density at 20 °C, $d_{20}^{20}$

	India	Sri Lanka	Indonesia	Madagascar
Minimum	0,864	0,861	0,861	0,864
Maximum	0,880	0,876	0,885	0,884

## 4.5 Refractive index at 20 °C

	India	Sri Lanka	Indonesia	Madagascar
Minimum	1,478	1,475	1,480	1,475
Maximum	1,487	1,490	1,493	1,490

## 4.6 Optical rotation at 20 °C

	India	Sri Lanka	Indonesia	Madagascar
Minimum	-18°	-17°	-17°	-18°
Maximum	-7°	-8°	-6°	+20°

## 4.7 Miscibility with 95 % (volume fraction) ethanol at 20 °C

It shall not be necessary to use more than 3 volumes of 95 % (volume fraction) ethanol to obtain a clear solution with 1 volume of essential oil.

## 4.8 Chromatographic profile

Analysis of the essential oil shall be carried out by gas chromatography. In the chromatogram obtained, the representative and characteristics components shown in Table 1 shall be identified. The percentages of these components, indicated by the integrator, shall be as shown in Table 1. This constitutes the chromatographic profile of the essential oil.

Table 1 — Chromatographic profile

Components	India		Sri Lanka		Indonesia		Madagascar	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
$\alpha$ -Pinene	3	12	10	16	2,5	10	8	26
$\beta$ -Pinene	5	12	9	12	nd <sup>a</sup>	3	7	15
Sabinene	6	15	10	17	4	10	nd <sup>a</sup>	4
3-Carene	3	15	5	11	9	20	7	16
Limonene	10	17	13	16	7	12	10	25
$\delta$ -Elemene	0,5	3,5	0,5	3	0,5	3	0,5	4,5
$\alpha$ -Copaene	0,5	4,5	1,5	4	0,2	1	nd <sup>a</sup>	0,5
$\beta$ -Caryophyllene	12	29	12	21	25	40	10	25
Germacrene D	nd <sup>a</sup>	2	nd <sup>a</sup>	1	nd <sup>a</sup>	1	1	6,5
$\beta$ -Selinene	0,5	3,5	nd <sup>a</sup>	2	3	6	1	4,5
$\alpha$ -Selinene	nd <sup>a</sup>	3	0,5	2	2,5	5	0,5	3
Caryophyllene oxide	nd <sup>a</sup>	1	nd <sup>a</sup>	1	nd <sup>a</sup>	1	nd <sup>a</sup>	1

<sup>a</sup> non-detectable.

NOTE The chromatographic profile is normative, contrary to typical chromatograms given for information in Annex A.

#### 4.9 Flashpoint

Information on the flashpoint is given in Annex B.

### 5 Sampling

See ISO 212.

Minimum volume of the final sample: 25 ml.

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

### 6 Test methods

#### 6.1 Relative density at 20 °C, $d_{20}^{20}$

See ISO 279.

#### 6.2 Refractive index at 20 °C

See ISO 280.

#### 6.3 Optical rotation at 20 °C

See ISO 592.

#### 6.4 Miscibility with 95 % (volume fraction) ethanol at 20 °C

See ISO 875.

#### 6.5 Chromatographic profile

See ISO 11024-1 and ISO 11024-2.

### 7 Packing, labelling, marking and storage

See ISO/TR 210 and ISO/TR 211.

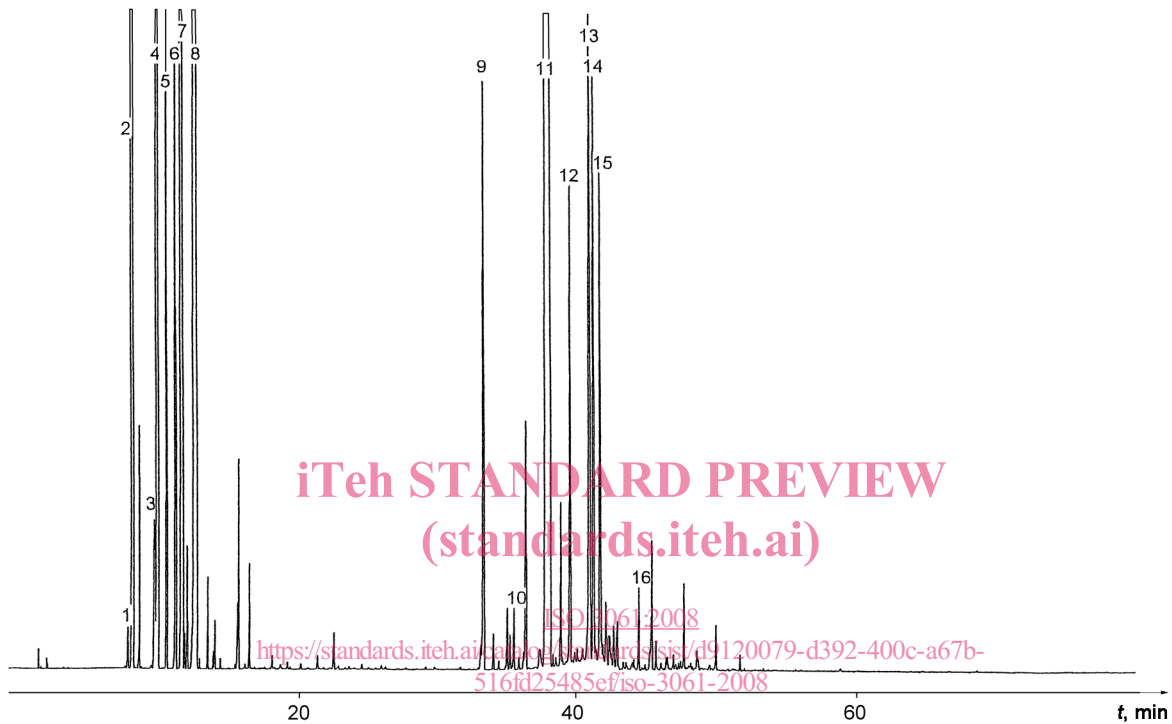
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**Annex A**  
(informative)

**Typical chromatogram of the analysis by gas chromatography of the essential oil of black pepper (*Piper nigrum* L.)**



**Peak identification**

- 1  $\alpha$ -Thujene
- 2  $\alpha$ -Pinene
- 3 Sabinene
- 4  $\beta$ -Pinene
- 5 Myrcene
- 6  $\alpha$ -Phellandrene
- 7 3-Carene
- 8 Limonene + 1,8-Cineole
- 9  $\delta$ -Elemene
- 10  $\alpha$ -Copaene
- 11  $\beta$ -Caryophyllene
- 12  $\alpha$ -Humulene
- 13 Germacrene D
- 14  $\beta$ -Selinene
- 15  $\alpha$ -Selinene
- 16 Caryophyllene oxide

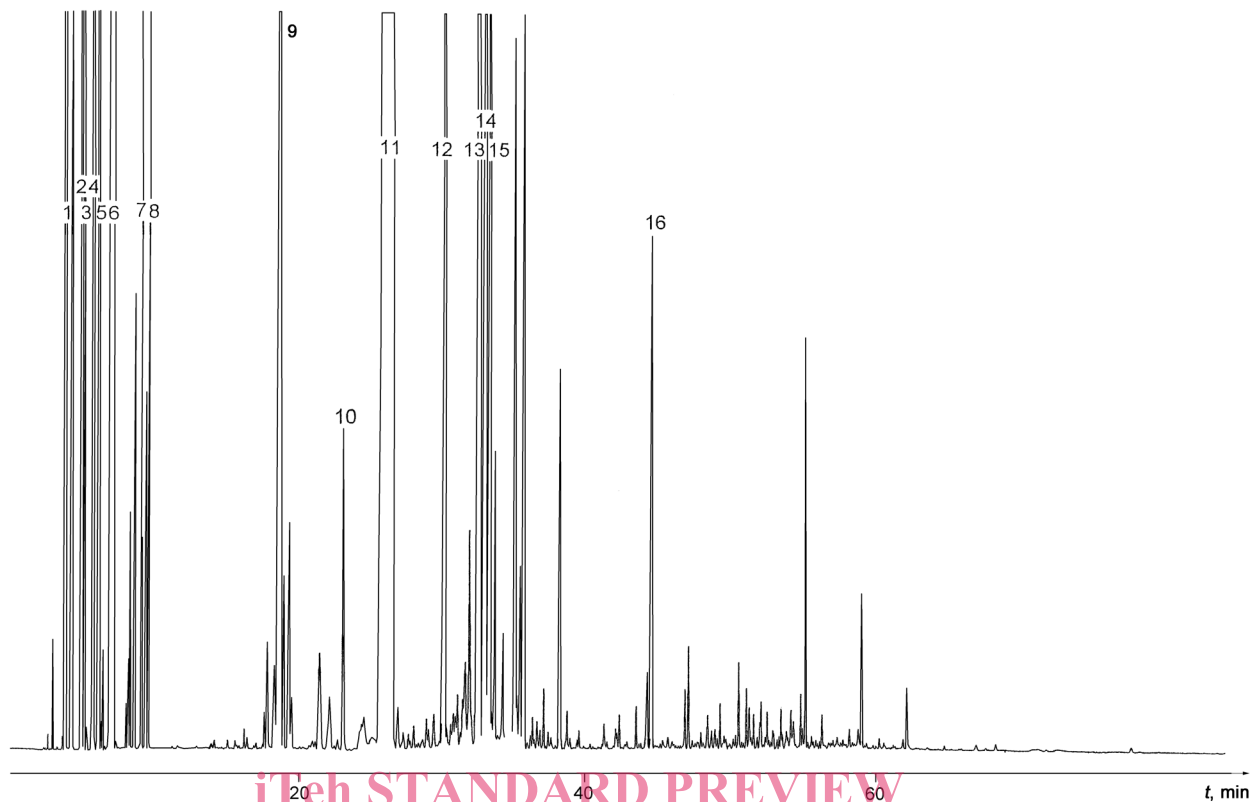
**Operating conditions**

Column: silica capillary; length 50 m; internal diameter 0,2 mm  
 Stationary phase: polydimethylsiloxane [HP-1<sup>1</sup>]  
 Film thickness: 0,25  $\mu$ m  
 Oven temperature: 65 °C to 230 °C, at a rate of 2 °C/min  
 Injector temperature: 230 °C  
 Detector temperature: 250 °C  
 Detector: flame ionization type  
 Carrier gas: hydrogen  
 Volume injected: 0,2  $\mu$ l  
 Carrier gas flow rate: 1 ml/min  
 Split ratio: 1/100

**Figure A.1 — Typical chromatogram taken on an apolar column, Madagascar type**

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**Peak identification**

- 1  $\alpha$ -Pinene +  $\alpha$ -Thujene
- 2  $\beta$ -Pinene
- 3 Sabinene
- 4 3-Carene
- 5  $\alpha$ -Phellandrene + Myrcene
- 6 Limonene
- 7 *p*-Cymene
- 8 Terpinolene
- 9  $\delta$ -Elemene
- 10  $\alpha$ -Copaene
- 11  $\beta$ -Caryophyllene + Terpinen-4-ol
- 12  $\alpha$ -Humulene
- 13 Germacrene D
- 14  $\beta$ -Selinene
- 15  $\alpha$ -Selinene
- 16 Caryophyllene oxide

**Operating conditions**

Column: silica capillary; length 50 m; internal diameter 0,2 mm  
 Stationary phase: poly(ethylene glycol) [Carbowax<sup>2</sup>]  
 Film thickness: 0,25  $\mu$ m  
 Oven temperature: 65 °C to 230 °C, at a rate of 10 °C/min  
 Injector temperature: 230 °C  
 Detector temperature: 250 °C  
 Detector: flame ionization type  
 Carrier gas: hydrogen  
 Volume injected: 0,2  $\mu$ l  
 Carrier gas flow rate: 1,1 ml/min  
 Split ratio: 1/100

**Figure A.2 — Typical chromatogram taken on a polar column, Madagascar type**

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