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Foreword

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Essential oil of citronella, Java type

1 Scope

This document specifies certain characteristics of the essential oil of citronella, Java type, in order to facilitate assessment of its quality.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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/TS 210, *Essential oils — General rules for packaging, conditioning and storage*

ISO/TS 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 (all parts), *Essential oils — General guidance on chromatographic profiles*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

3.1
essential oil of citronella, Java type
essential oil obtained by steam distillation of the aerial parts, fresh or partially dried, of *Cymbopogon winterianus* Jowitt, cultivated in South-East Asia, China, India, Indonesia, Central and South America

Note 1 to entry: For information on the CAS number, see ISO/TR 21092.

4 Requirements

4.1 Essential oil of citronella, Java type shall meet the requirements as given in Table 1.

Table 1 — Requirements for the essential oil of citronella, Java type

Characteristics	Requirements	Test method
Appearance	Clear, sometimes slightly opalescent, mobile liquid	—
Colour	Pale yellow to pale yellowish brown	—
Odour	Slightly sweet, floral, rosy, lemon-like	—
Relative density at 20 °C, d_{20}^{20}	0,880 to 0,902	ISO 279
Refractive index at 20 °C	1,466 3 to 1,477 0	ISO 280
Optical rotation at 20 °C	Between –5° and +1	ISO 592
Miscibility in ethanol, 80 % (volume fraction), at 20 °C	It shall not be necessary to use more than 2 volumes of ethanol, 80 % (volume fraction), to obtain a clear solution with 1 volume of essential oil. Sometimes opalescence can arise on continuing the addition of ethanol.	ISO 875

4.2 Carry out the analysis of the essential oil by gas chromatography. Determine the chromatographic profile in accordance with ISO 11024 (all parts). Identify in the chromatogram obtained, the representative and characteristic components shown in Table 2. The proportions of these components, indicated by the integrator, shall be as shown in Table 2. This constitutes the chromatographic profile of the essential oil.

Table 2 — Chromatographic profile

Component[a]	Minimum %	Maximum %
Limonene	2,0	5,0
Citronellal	31,0	40,0
Linalool	0,5	1,5
Isopulegol	0,5	1,7
β-Elemene	0,7	2,5
Citronellyl acetate	2,0	4,0
Germacrene-D	1,5	3,0
Geranial	0,3	1,0
Geranyl acetate[b]	2,5	5,5
δ-Cadinene[b]	1,5	2,5
Citronellol	8,5	14,0
Geraniol	20,0	25,0
Elemol	1,3	4,8
Eugenol	0,5	1,0

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

[a] Components are listed according to their elution order on a polar column (see Figure A.2).

[b] Area %: Values based on apolar column data (see Figure A.1).

5 Flashpoint

Information on the flashpoint is given in Annex B.

6 Sampling

Sampling shall be performed in accordance with ISO 212.

Minimum volume of test sample: 50 ml.

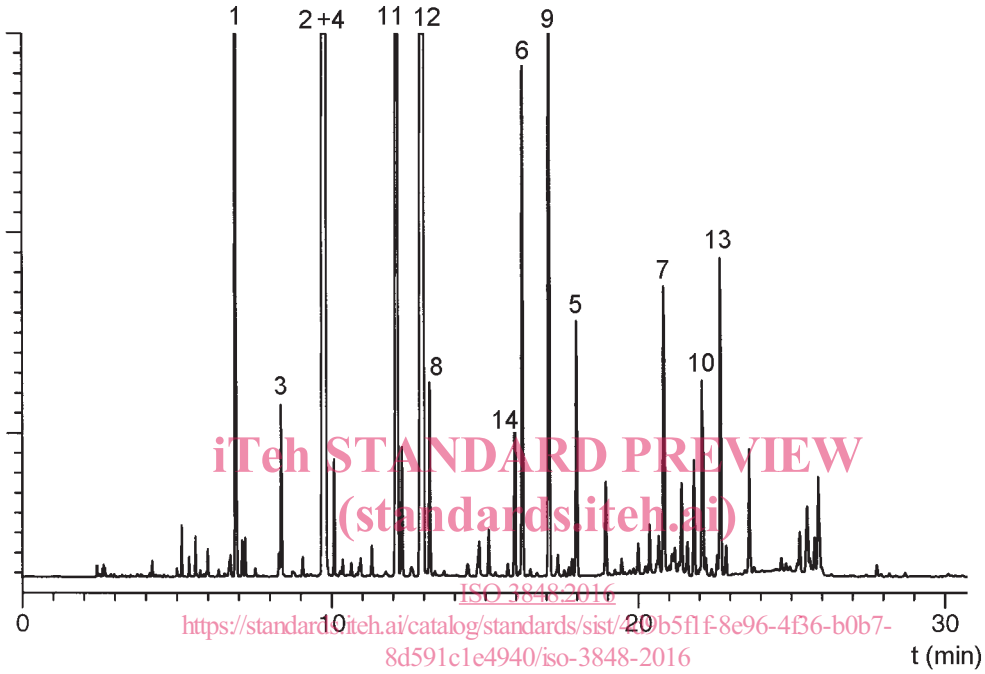
NOTE This volume allows each of the tests specified in this document to be carried out at least once.

7 Packaging, labelling, marking and storage

These items shall be in accordance with ISO/TS 210 and ISO/TS 211.

Annex A
(informative)

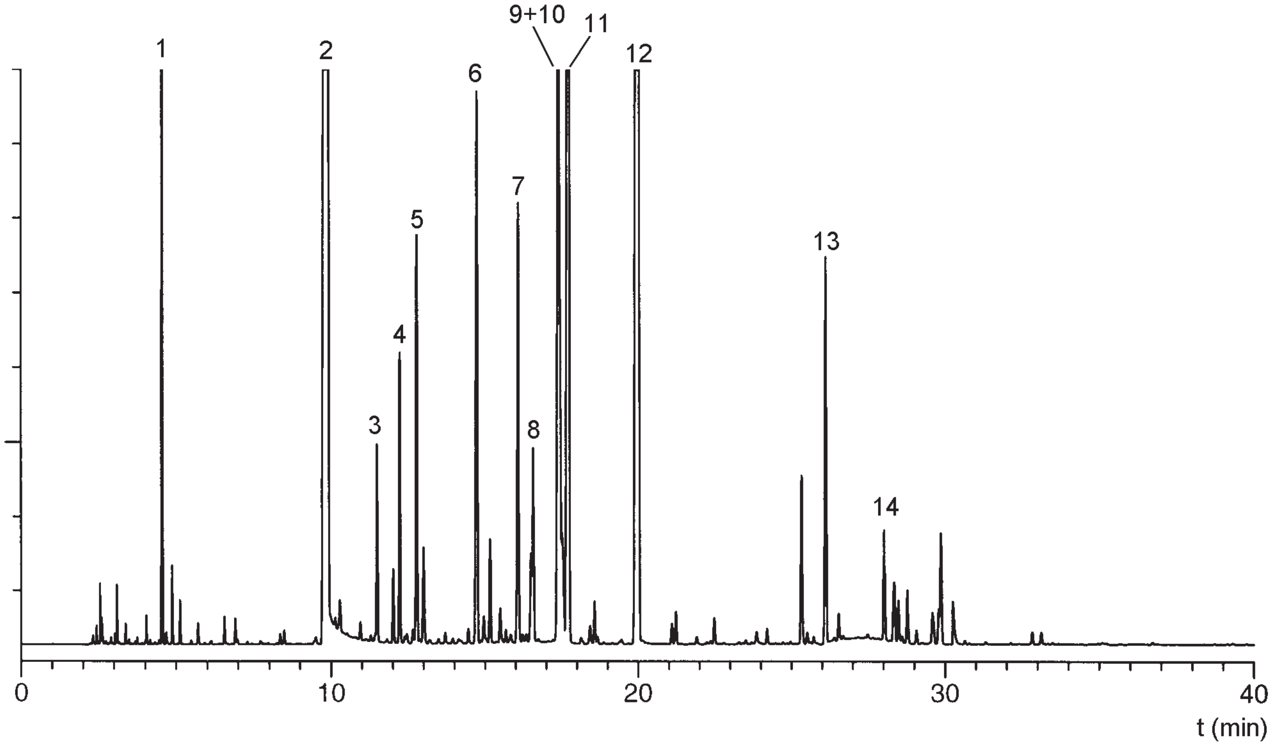
Typical chromatograms of the analysis by gas chromatography of the essential oil of citronella, Java type



Peak identification		Operating conditions
1	Limonene	Column: capillary, fused silica; length 60 m; internal diameter 0,32 mm
2+4	Citronellal + Isopulegol	Film thickness: 0,25 µm
3	Linalool	Stationary phase: polydimethyl siloxane [DB-1[a]]
5	β-Elemene	Oven temperature: temperature programming from 80 °C to 220 °C at a rate of 4 °C/min
6	Citronellyl acetate	
7	Germacrene-D	Injector temperature: 250 °C
8	Geranial	Detector temperature: 280 °C
9	Geranyl acetate	Detector: flame ionization type
10	δ-Cadinene	Carrier gas: helium
11	Citronellol	Volume injected: 0,15 µl
12	Geraniol	Carrier gas flow rate: 4 ml/min
13	Elemol	Split ratio: 1/40
14	Eugenol	

[a] DB-1 is an example of a suitable product available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of this product.

Figure A.1 — Typical chromatogram taken on an apolar column for essential oil of citronella, Java type



Peak identification

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8	Geranial
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11	Citronellol
12	Geraniol
13	Elemol
14	Eugenol

Operating conditions

Column: capillary, fused silica; length 60 m; internal diameter 0,32 mm

Stationary phase: polyethylene glycol [DB-WAX[a]]

Film thickness: 0,25 µm

Oven temperature: temperature programming from 80 °C to 220 °C at a rate of 4 °C/min

Injector temperature: 250 °C

Detector temperature: 280 °C

Detector: flame ionization type

Carrier gas: helium

Volume injected: 0,15 µl

Carrier gas flow rate: 4 ml/min

Split ratio: 1/40

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Figure A.2 — Typical chromatogram taken on a polar column for essential oil of citronella, Java type