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## Foreword

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The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular, the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see [www.iso.org/directives](http://www.iso.org/directives)).

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 54, *Essential oils*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 3518:2002), which has been technically revised.

The main changes to the previous edition are as follows:

- the title has been changed;
- the structure of the document has been revised;
- in [Table 2](#), additional compounds and ranges have been added (*Z*-lanceol, *E,E*-farnesol);
- in [Annex A](#), chromatograms and run conditions for both polar and apolar columns have been modified;
- in [Annex A](#), a statement related to apolar column chromatogram recommending against using an apolar column has been added.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

# Essential oil of sandalwood (*Santalum album* L.)

## 1 Scope

This document specifies certain characteristics of the essential oil of sandalwood (*Santalum album* L.), 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 709, *Essential oils — Determination of ester value*

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 terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### essential oil of sandalwood

essential oil obtained by steam distillation of the heartwood of *Santalum album* L., of the Santalaceae family

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

## 4 Requirements

### 4.1 General requirements

Essential oil of sandalwood (*Santalum album* L.) shall meet the requirements as given in [Table 1](#).

**Table 1 — Requirements for essential oil of sandalwood (*Santalum album* L.)**

Characteristics	Requirements	ISO test method
Appearance	Clear, slightly viscous liquid	—
Colour	Almost colourless to golden yellow	—
Odour	Characteristic, sweet, woody and persistent	—
Relative density at 20 °C $d_{20}^{20}$	0,968 to 0,983	ISO 279
Refractive index at 20 °C	1,503 to 1,509	ISO 280
Optical rotation at 20 °C	Range from $-21^{\circ}$ to $-12^{\circ}$	ISO 592
Miscibility in ethanol	It shall not be necessary to use more than five volumes of ethanol 70 % (volume fraction) to obtain a clear solution with one volume of essential oil.	ISO 875
Ester value	Maximum 10	ISO 709 Saponification time: 1 h Relative molecular mass of santalyl acetate: $M_r = 262,4$
Primary free alcohol content, expressed as santalol	Minimum 90 %	—

## 4.2 Chromatographic profile

Carry out the analysis of the essential oil by gas chromatography. Determine the chromatographic profile in accordance with the ISO 11024 series. 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.

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<https://standards.iteh.ai/> **Table 2 — Chromatographic profile** [54f-a04b-a10b1799461a/iso-](https://standards.iteh.ai/standards/iso-3518-2022/54f-a04b-a10b1799461a/iso-3518-2022)

Component	Minimum %	Maximum %
Z- $\alpha$ -Santalol	41,0	55,0
Z- $\beta$ -Santalol	16,0	24,0
E,E-Farnesol	n.d.	1,0
Z-Lanceol	n.d.	2,0
n.d. Not detected.		
NOTE The chromatographic profile is normative, contrary to typical chromatograms given for information in <a href="#">Annex A</a> , see <a href="#">Figures A.1</a> and <a href="#">A.2</a> .		

## 5 Flashpoint

Information on the flashpoint is given in [Annex B](#).

## 6 Sampling

Sampling shall be performed in accordance with ISO 212. The minimum volume of the test sample is 25 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.

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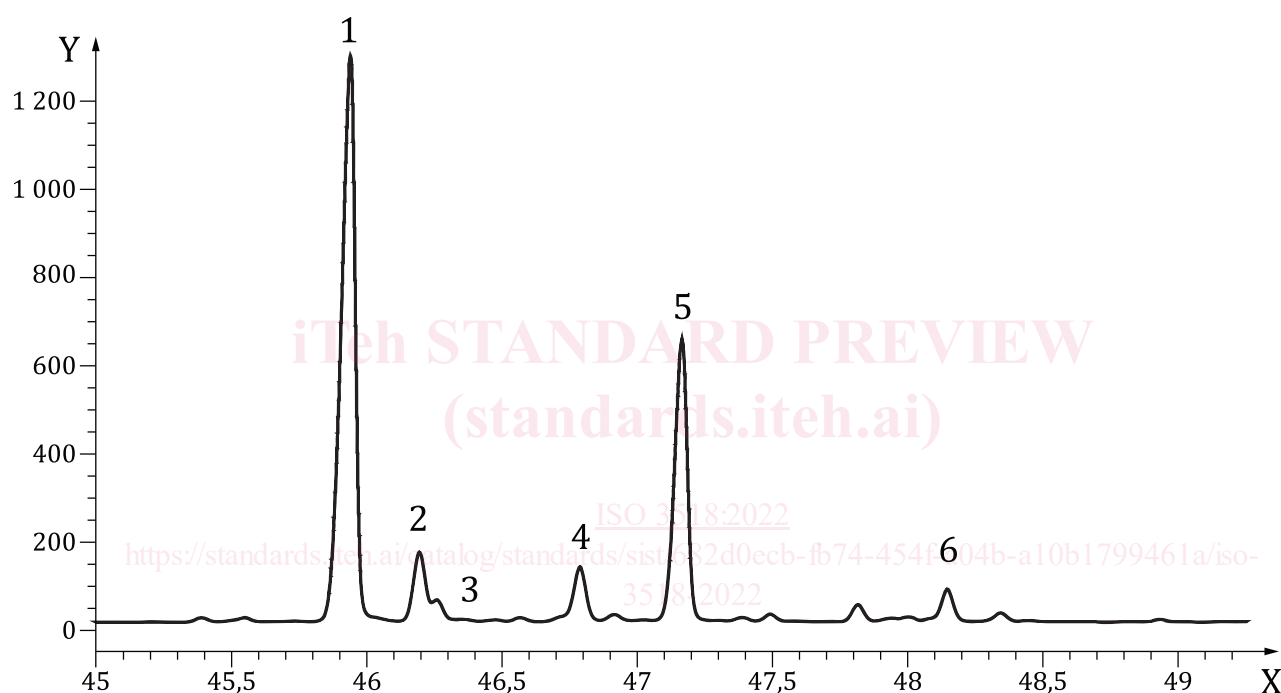
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## Annex A (informative)

### Typical chromatograms of the analysis by gas chromatography of the essential oil of sandalwood (*Santalum album* L.)

It has been found that the resolution on an apolar column (e.g. ZB5) is not satisfactory. Therefore, the use of only the polar column as shown in [Figure A.2](#) is recommended. The chromatogram in [Figure A.1](#) (an apolar column) is for information only.



#### Peak identification

- 1 *Z*- $\alpha$ -santalol
- 2 *Z*- $\alpha$ -trans-bergamotol
- 3 *E,E*-farnesol
- 4 *epi*- $\beta$ -santalol

- 5 *Z*- $\beta$ -santalol
- 6 *Z*-lanceol

#### Key

- X time (min)
- Y detector response (pA)

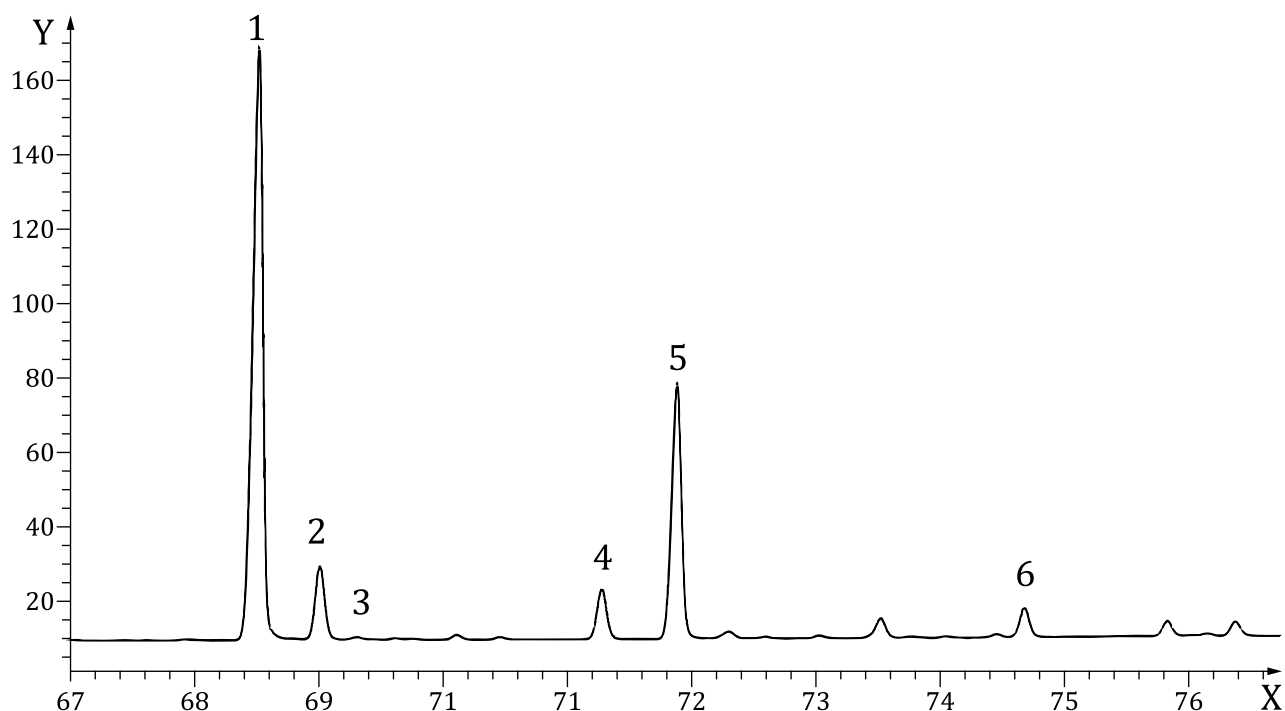
#### Operating conditions

- Column: fused silica capillary; length 50 m; internal diameter 0,25 mm
- Stationary phase: 5 % phenyl, 95 % polydimethylsiloxane (ZB5<sup>a</sup>)
- Film thickness: 0,25  $\mu$ m
- Oven temperature: isothermal at 50 °C for 1 min, then temperature programming from 50 °C to 300 °C at a rate of 4 °C/min, then isothermal at 300 °C for 10 min
- Injector temperature: 280 °C
- Detector temperature: 300 °C
- Detector: flame ionization type
- Carrier gas: hydrogen
- Volume injected: 0,1  $\mu$ l
- Carrier gas flow rate: 1 ml/min
- Split ratio: 1/20

<sup>a</sup> ZB5 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**



**Peak identification**

- 1 *Z*- $\alpha$ -santalol
- 2 *Z*- $\alpha$ -trans-bergamotol
- 3 *E,E*-farnesol
- 4 *epi*- $\beta$ -santalol
- 5 *Z*- $\beta$ -santalol
- 6 *Z*-lanceol

**Key**

- X time (min)  
Y detector response (pA)

**Operating conditions**

Column: fused silica capillary; length 50 m; internal diameter 0,22 mm

Stationary phase: poly(ethylene glycol) (BP20<sup>a</sup>)

Film thickness: 0,25  $\mu$ m

Oven temperature: isothermal at 70 °C for 10 min, then temperature programming from 70 °C to 220 °C at a rate of 2 °C/min, then isothermal at 220 °C for 20 min

Injector temperature: 250 °C

Detector temperature: 300 °C

Detector: flame ionization type

Carrier gas: hydrogen

Volume injected: 0,1  $\mu$ l

Carrier gas flow rate: 0,8 ml/min

Split ratio: 1/100

<sup>a</sup> BP20 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.2 — Typical chromatogram taken on a polar column**

## Annex B (informative)

### Flashpoint

#### B.1 General information

For safety reasons, transport companies, insurance companies and people in charge of safety services require information on the flashpoints of essential oils, which in most cases are flammable products.

A comparative study on the relevant methods of analysis (see ISO/TR 11018) concluded that it was difficult to recommend a single apparatus for standardization purposes, given that:

- there is a wide variation in the chemical composition of essential oils;
- the volume of the sample needed for certain test equipment is incompatible with the high price of essential oils;
- as there are several different types of equipment which can be used for the determination, users cannot be expected to use one specified type only.

Consequently, it was decided to give a mean value for the flashpoint annexed to each International Standard, for information, in order to meet the requirements of the interested parties.

The equipment with which this value was obtained has to be specified.

For further information, see ISO/TR 11018. [ISO 3518:2022](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/682d0ecb-fb74-454f-a04b-a10b1799461a/iso-3518-2022)  
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#### B.2 Flashpoint of the essential oil of sandalwood (*Santalum album* L.)

The mean value is +138 °C.

NOTE Obtained with “Luchoire” equipment.