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material — General principles**

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 4874:2000), of which it constitutes a minor revision.

The changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- a table of contents has been added;
- the mandatory Normative references clause ([Clause 2](#)) has been added and the subsequent clauses have been renumbered
- definitions in [Clause 3](#) have been editorially revised for clarity.

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# Tobacco — Sampling of batches of raw material — General principles

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the general principles to be applied when sampling batches of raw tobacco in order to assess either

- the mean value of one or more of its characteristics, or
- the heterogeneity of one or more of its characteristics.

Manufactured tobacco products, including products intended for sale or distribution, are specifically not included in the scope of this document.

This document is applicable to the sampling of batches of raw tobacco of the following types:

- a) leaf tobacco:
  - 1) flue cured;
  - 2) air cured;
  - 3) sun cured;
  - 4) fire cured;
- b) pretreated raw tobacco:
  - 1) which has undergone fermentation (in packages not intended for retail or wholesale sales or distribution, in bulk, in chambers);
  - 2) which has been partially or completely stemmed;
  - 3) which is in the form of stems;
  - 4) which is in the form of waste and remnants;
  - 5) which has been reconstituted in the form of strips.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 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:

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

### 3.1

#### **characteristic**

physical, mechanical, dimensional, chemical, biological, botanical or organoleptic property of tobacco

EXAMPLE Leaf position, colour, ripeness, leaf length.

### 3.2

#### **batch**

definite quantity of tobacco that is produced under conditions that are presumed to be uniform with respect to one or more of its *characteristics* (3.1)

Note 1 to entry: This notion implies generally that the batch consists of tobaccos of the same origin belonging to the same variety.

### 3.3

#### **consignment**

quantity of tobacco delivered at one time

Note 1 to entry: The consignment may consist of one or more *batches* (3.2) or parts of batches.

### 3.4

#### **sampling unit**

unit part of the *consignment* (3.3)

Note 1 to entry: It is separately packaged (bale, wooden or cardboard case, basket or sack).

Note 2 to entry: For bulk tobacco, a consignment with a total mass of  $m$  kg should be considered to be composed of  $m/100$  sampling units.

Note 3 to entry: The definition of the term "sampling unit" as given in this document is a special case of the general definition given in ISO 3534-2, and it applies only to raw tobacco.

### 3.5

#### **stratified sampling**

sampling carried out in such a way that specified proportions of the sample are drawn from different strata for a population that can be divided into different subpopulations called strata

### 3.6

#### **increment**

quantity of tobacco taken at one time from a *sampling unit* (3.4) in order to form part of a *single sample* (3.7)

### 3.7

#### **single sample**

basic sample

sample obtained by combining  $N$  *increments* (3.6) taken from a *sampling unit* (3.4) so as to be as representative as possible of this unit

### 3.8

#### **gross sample**

sample that is a combination of all *single samples* (3.7)

### 3.9

#### **reduced sample**

sample that is taken from the gross sample and is representative of the *gross sample* (3.8)

### 3.10

#### **laboratory sample**

sample intended for laboratory inspection or testing, and which is representative of the gross sample

Note 1 to entry: It may consist of

- a) one or more single samples;