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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 9235:2013), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- modification of the [definition 3.13](#) extract;
- addition of a new [definition 3.19](#) native aromatic water.

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## Introduction

This document falls within the framework of the standardization work conducted within the essential oils sector. It is aimed at defining the natural raw materials and products which stem from that sector. It is not intended to integrate all the provisions of other sectors of activity which use the products defined in this standard (perfumes/fragrances, cosmetics, food industry flavours, etc.).

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# Aromatic natural raw materials — Vocabulary

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the terms and definitions relating to aromatic natural raw materials.

## 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/>

Note 1 to entry In the following definitions, the terms defined elsewhere are in *italic* type. In each definition, reference is made to the number where they are defined.

Note 2 to entry In this document, terms appear in alphabetical order of English terms; an index sorted by themes is presented in [Annex A](#); another index sorted by alphabetical order for the English terms is given in [Annex B](#).

### 3.1

#### **absolute**

product obtained by extraction with ethanol from a *concrete* ([3.7](#)), a *pomade* ([3.23](#)), a *resinoid* ([3.27](#)) or a *supercritical fluid extract* ([3.28](#))

Note 1 to entry: The ethanolic solution is generally cooled down and filtered in order to eliminate the “waxes”; the ethanol is then eliminated by distillation.

### 3.2

#### **alcoholate**

*distillate* ([3.8](#)) which results from the distillation of a *natural raw material* ([3.20](#)) in presence of ethanol at variable concentrations

### 3.3

#### **aromatic water hydrolate**

aqueous *distillate* ([3.8](#)) which remains after steam distillation and separation of the *essential oil* ([3.11](#)) whenever possible

EXAMPLE Lavender hydrolate (water), orange blossom water.

Note 1 to entry: A floral water or a “plant name” water is an aromatic water.

Note 2 to entry: Aromatic water can undergo physical treatments which do not result in any significant changes in its composition (e.g. filtration, decantation, centrifugation).

### 3.4

#### **balsam**

*oleoresin* ([3.18](#)) characterized in particular by the presence of benzoic and/or cinnamic derivatives

EXAMPLE Peru balsam, Tolu balsam, benzoin, styrax.

**3.5**  
**cold-pressed essential oil**  
*essential oil* (3.11) obtained by mechanical processes from the epicarp of the fruit of a citrus, at ambient temperature

**3.6**  
**concentrated essential oil**  
**folded oil**  
*essential oil* (3.11) treated by a physical process in order to concentrate one or more components considered to be of interest

**3.7**  
**concrete**  
*extract* (3.13) obtained from a fresh *natural raw material* (3.20) by extraction with one or several solvents

Note 1 to entry: The solvent or solvents are then totally or partly removed.

**3.8**  
**distillate**  
product of condensation obtained after distillation of a *natural raw material* (3.20)

**3.9**  
**dry-distilled essential oil**  
*essential oil* (3.11) obtained by distillation of wood, barks, roots or gums, without addition of water or steam

EXAMPLE Birch tar essential oil.

**3.10**  
**essential oil of fruit juice**  
*essential oil* (3.11) obtained from a fruit juice during its concentration or during UHT (flash pasteurization) treatment

Note 1 to entry: The water and aromatic oils are separated to yield an aromatic oil phase and a dilute water phase, which contains the water soluble aromatic components.

**3.11**  
**essential oil**  
product obtained from a *natural raw material* (3.20) of plant origin, by steam distillation, by mechanical processes from the epicarp of citrus fruits, or by dry distillation, after separation of the aqueous phase — if any — by physical processes

Note 1 to entry: The essential oil can undergo physical treatments which do not result in any significant change in its composition (e.g. filtration, decantation, centrifugation).

Note 2 to entry: During the 27th meeting of ISO/TC 54 held in 2010, it was decided to adopt the terminology “Essential oil of ...” instead of “Oil of ...” for all the standards published by the committee. This change will be introduced progressively when reviewing the standards and for all new drafts.

**3.12**  
**essential oil obtained by steam distillation**  
*essential oil* (3.11) which is obtained by steam distillation with addition of water to the still (hydrodistillation) or without addition of water to the still (directly by steam)

EXAMPLE Essential oil of orris (commonly named “iris butter”).

**3.13**  
**extract**

— product obtained by treating a *natural raw material* (3.20) with one or several solvents



— product obtained by treating *aromatic water/hydrolate* (3.3) with one or several solvents

EXAMPLE Coffee extract, tea extract, rose hydrolate extract.

Note 1 to entry: The obtained solution may be cooled and filtered.

Note 2 to entry: The term “extract” is a generic term.

Note 3 to entry: The solvent or solvents are then totally or partly removed.

### 3.14

#### **exudate**

*natural raw material* (3.20) excreted by the plant

### 3.15

#### **gum**

*exudate* (3.14) consisting mainly of polysaccharides

### 3.16

#### **gum oleoresin**

*exudate* (3.14) consisting mainly of resinous compounds, gums and certain quantities of volatile compounds

EXAMPLE Myrrh, olibanum, galbanum.

### 3.17

#### **gum resin**

*exudate* (3.14) consisting mainly of resinous compounds and *gum* (3.15)

EXAMPLE Shellac gum.

### 3.18

#### **oleoresin**

*exudate* (3.14) consisting mainly of resinous and volatile compounds

EXAMPLE Pine oleoresin, gurjum.

Note 1 to entry: This natural oleoresin, due to exudation, differs from *extracted oleoresins* (3.22).

### 3.19

#### **native aromatic water**

native aromatic water from a *natural raw material* (3.20) obtained by microwave treatment.

Note 1 to entry: There is no exogenous water addition during the process.

EXAMPLE Strawberry native aromatic water, cornmint native aromatic water.

### 3.20

#### **natural raw material**

natural raw material of vegetal, animal or microbiological origin, as such, obtained by physical, enzymatic or microbiological processes, or obtained by traditional preparation processes (e.g. extraction, distillation, heating, torrefaction, fermentation)

Note 1 to entry: Other sectors of activity may have defined supplementary requirements.

### 3.21

#### **non-concentrated extract**

##### **single-fold extract**

product obtained by treating a *natural raw material* (3.20) with one or several non-eliminated solvents

EXAMPLE Asafoetida in peanut oil, benzoin in ethanol.