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Introduction

This International Standard has been developed in response to worldwide demand for herbal decoction apparatus traded internationally. There is a wide variety of herbal decoction apparatus currently available commercially, but there are no standards guiding their manufacture. Increased use of decoctions as a means of administering herbal medicine, as well as growing patients' expectations and concerns regarding safety and quality, have given rise to the need to improve the safety and quality of herbal decoction apparatus through implementation of an International Standard.

There are two main types of herbal decoction apparatus in common use. According to the structure of herbal decoction apparatus, it can be divided into hermetic decoction apparatus and non-hermetic decoction apparatus

The primary aim of this International Standard is to ensure the safety and quality of both non-hermetic decoction apparatus and hermetic decoction apparatus.

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