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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- the normative references have been undated;
- the definitions of extraneous matter and foreign matter have been modified in accordance with ISO 927.

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Dried thyme (*Thymus vulgaris* L.) — Specification

1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements for dried thyme (*Thymus vulgaris* L.) in the form of rubbed leaves. Recommendations relating to storage and transport conditions are given in [Annex A](#).

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 565, *Test sieves — Metal wire cloth, perforated metal plate and electroformed sheet — Nominal sizes of openings*

ISO 927, *Spices and condiments — Determination of extraneous matter and foreign matter content*

ISO 928, *Spices and condiments — Determination of total ash*

ISO 930, *Spices and condiments — Determination of acid-insoluble ash*

ISO 939, *Spices and condiments — Determination of moisture content*

ISO 948, *Spices and condiments — Sampling*

ISO 2825, *Spices and condiments-Preparation of a ground sample for analysis*

ISO 6571, *Spices, condiments and herbs — Determination of volatile oil content (hydrodistillation method)*

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 foreign matter

all matter visible to the naked eye or with a maximum 10 times magnifying power that is not part of the plant to which the herb belongs

EXAMPLE The origin of macro foreign matter can be non-animal (e.g. stems, stones, straw, visible moulds, mineral, plastic) or animal (e.g. excreta, insects, insect-defiled product) foreign matter.

[SOURCE: ISO 927:2009, 3.1, modified — “macro” deleted from the term. “spice or” deleted from the definition. Example revised.]