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Introduction

Moxibustion is a therapy that uses moxa floss as main combustion material to apply thermal simulation on the specific parts of the body surface, usually acupoints or meridians, to relieve symptoms or treat diseases. A variety of forms of moxa-heating devices have been developed in order to improve the convenience of moxibustion, prevent burns during the process of moxibustion, and reduce bad experiences such as smoke in moxibustion, and sold globally.

As an important category of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) devices sold to and used by global customers, moxibustion devices are now designed into different structures and shapes. Components for combustion and smoke filtration have been redesigned in recent years. With the innovation of moxa-heating devices, a large number of new vocabularies have emerged about the appellation, components, materials for combustion and the device itself. However, manufacturers of moxa-heating devices lack a normative guidance on vocabularies for their products, which results in inconsistent, arbitrary, improper use of words in product introduction, user manuals, bringing confusion to consumers. In order to reduce the ambiguity of language due to misusing vocabularies, protect the safety of consumers, and facilitate international trade, it is necessary to have a set of standardized vocabularies for moxibustion devices.

ISO 25144 series provides a set of terms for devices used for TCM practices. This part covers vocabularies for moxibustion devices which use combustion of moxa floss as heat source.

To meet the terminological needs of both manufacturers and customers, this document provides systemized and fundamental terms for (see [Figure 1](#) for relationship among these groups of terms):

- a) the types, components and materials of moxibustion devices,
- b) the combustion process,
- c) operating the device and specifications.

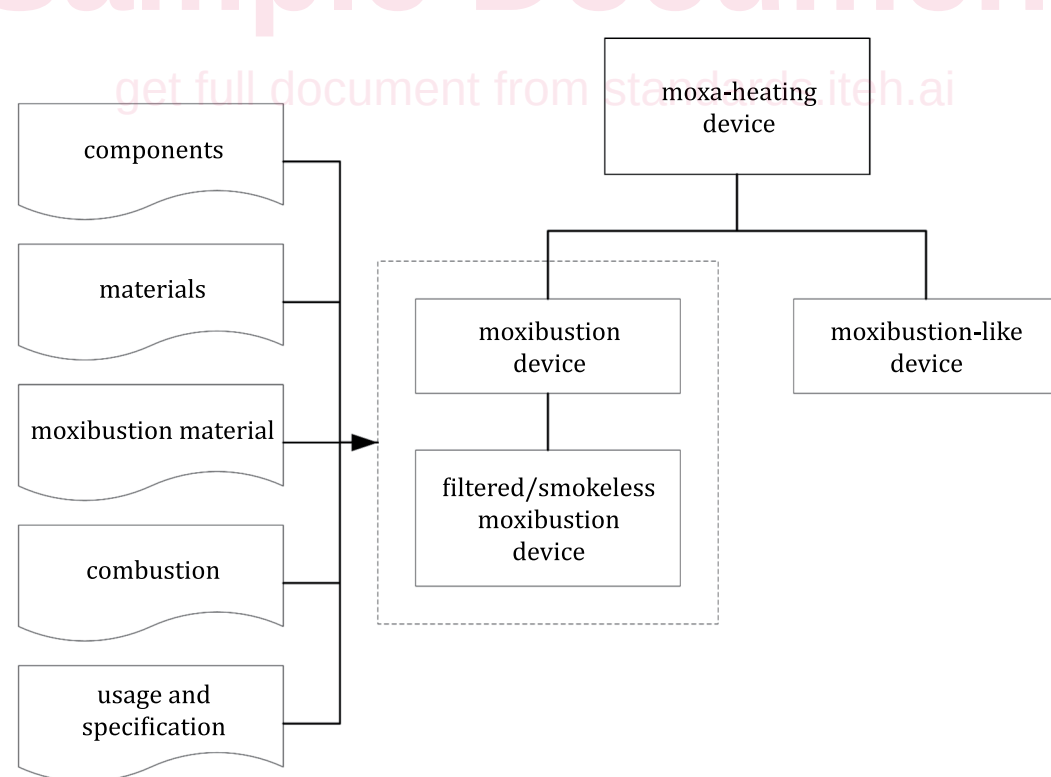


Figure 1 — Relationship among terms

As the market of moxa-heating devices is growing, this document is continuously updated to include upcoming terms of new moxibustion devices on the global market.