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## Tea — Determination of total ash

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## Foreword

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International Standard ISO 1575 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 34, *Agricultural food products*.

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## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the total ash from tea.

## 2 References

ISO 1572, *Tea — Preparation of ground sample of known dry matter content.*

ISO 1576, *Tea — Determination of water-soluble ash and water-insoluble ash.*

ISO 1577, *Tea — Determination of acid-insoluble ash.*

## 3 Definition

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definition applies.

**total ash** : The residue obtained after incineration at  $525 \pm 25$  °C under the conditions specified in this International Standard.

## 4 Principle

Destruction of organic matter by heating at  $525 \pm 25$  °C to constant mass.

## 5 Apparatus

Usual laboratory apparatus, and the following items :

**5.1 Dish**, of capacity 50 to 100 ml, made of platinum, porcelain or other material unaffected by the conditions of the test.

NOTE — It is considered that silica dishes are unsuitable for use with this test.

**5.2 Furnace**, capable of being controlled at  $525 \pm 25$  °C.

**5.3 Steam bath**.

**5.4 Hot-plate**.

**5.5 Desiccator**, containing an efficient desiccant.

**5.6 Analytical balance**.

## 6 Sample

Use a ground sample of known dry matter content, prepared as specified in ISO 1572.

## 7 Procedure

### 7.1 Preparation of the dish

Heat the dish (5.1) for 1 h in the furnace (5.2) at  $525 \pm 25$  °C. Cool in the desiccator (5.5). After cooling, weigh to the nearest 0,001 g.

### 7.2 Test portion

Weigh, to the nearest 0,001 g, about 5 g of the ground sample into the prepared dish (7.1). (See ISO 1572.)

### 7.3 Determination

**7.3.1** Heat the test portion in the dish, at a temperature near 100 °C until the moisture is expelled. Transfer the dish to the furnace (5.2) and heat at  $525 \pm 25$  °C until the ash is visibly free from carbon particles (at least 2 h is usually required). Allow to cool, then moisten the ash with distilled water, dry it on the steam bath (5.3) and then on the hot-plate (5.4). Return the dish to the furnace for 60 min, cool in the desiccator and weigh. Heat again in the furnace for 30 min, cool and weigh. Repeat these operations, if necessary, until the difference between two successive weighings does not exceed 0,001 g.

**7.3.2** Reserve the total ash for determination of water-soluble ash and water-insoluble ash (see ISO 1576), or of acid-insoluble ash (see ISO 1577), if required.

### 7.4 Number of determinations

Carry out two separate determinations on the same ground sample (clause 6).