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**Essential oil of ginger [*Zingiber  
officinale* Roscoe]**

*Huile essentielle de gingembre [*Zingiber officinale* Roscoe]*

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## Foreword

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# Essential oil of ginger [*Zingiber officinale* Roscoe]

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies certain characteristics of the essential oil of ginger (*Zingiber officinale* Roscoe) cultivated in China, India and West Africa, in order to facilitate assessment of its quality.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/TR 210, *Essential oils — General rules for packaging, conditioning and storage*

ISO/TR 211, *Essential oils — General rules for labelling and marking of containers*

ISO 212, *Essential oils — Sampling*

ISO 279, *Essential oils — Determination of relative density at 20 °C — Reference method*

ISO 280, *Essential oils — Determination of refractive index*

ISO 592, *Essential oils — Determination of optical rotation*

ISO 11024 (all parts), *Essential oils — General guidance on chromatographic profiles*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### essential oil of ginger

essential oil obtained by steam distillation of the rhizome of *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe of the *Zingiberaceae* family, cultivated principally in China, India and West Africa

Note 1 to entry: For information on the CAS number, see ISO/TR 21092[2].

## 4 Requirements

### 4.1 Appearance

Clear mobile liquid.

### 4.2 Colour

China	India	West Africa
Pale yellow to amber	Yellow	Pale yellow to yellow

### 4.3 Odour

Characteristic of ginger rhizome, with spicy, peppered, lemony odour.

#### 4.4 Relative density at 20 °C, $d_{20}^{20}$

Value	China	India	West Africa
Minimum	0,873	0,872	0,872
Maximum	0,885	0,890	0,892

#### 4.5 Refractive index at 20 °C

Value	China	India	West Africa
Minimum	1,486	1,484	1,486
Maximum	1,495	1,498	1,496

#### 4.6 Optical rotation at 20 °C

China	India	West Africa
Between -47° and -26°	Between -50° and -27°	Between -47° and -18°

#### 4.7 Chromatographic profile

Carry out the analysis of the essential oil by gas chromatography. Identify in the chromatogram obtained, the representative and characteristic components shown in [Table 1](#). The proportions of these components, indicated by the integrator, shall be as shown in [Table 1](#). This constitutes the chromatographic profile of the essential oil.

**Table 1 — Chromatographic profile**

Component	China		India		West Africa	
	Minimum %	Maximum %	Minimum %	Maximum %	Minimum %	Maximum %
$\alpha$ -Pinene	1,5	2,5	2,0	6,0	0,1	3,0
Camphene	4,5	10,0	5,0	8,0	0,2	12,0
Neral	n.d. <sup>a</sup>	0,5	0,1	0,4	0,2	2,0
Geraniol	0,1	1,0	0,1	0,6	0,1	3,5
Geranial	n.d. <sup>a</sup>	0,6	0,1	0,6	0,5	3,5
$\beta$ -Elemene	0,5	1,5	0,6	1,1	n.d. <sup>a</sup>	1,0
$\alpha$ -Curcumene	5,0	11,0	6,5	9,0	3,0	11,0
$\alpha$ -Zingiberene	29,0	40,0	35,0	40,0	23,0	45,0
$\beta$ -Bisabolene	2,5	9,0	2,5	5,5	3,0	7,0
$\beta$ -Sesquiphellandrene	10,0	14,0	11,5	13,5	8,0	17,0

NOTE The chromatographic profile is normative, contrary to typical chromatograms given for information in [Annex A](#).

<sup>a</sup> Not detected.

#### 4.8 Flashpoint

Information on the flashpoint is given in [Annex B](#).

## 5 Sampling

Sampling shall be performed in accordance with ISO 212.

Minimum volume of test sample: 30 ml.

NOTE This volume allows each of the tests specified in this International Standard to be carried out at least once.

## 6 Test methods

### 6.1 Relative density at 20 °C, $d_{20}^{20}$

Determine the relative density in accordance with ISO 279.

### 6.2 Refractive index at 20 °C

Determine the refractive index in accordance with ISO 280.

### 6.3 Optical rotation at 20 °C

Determine the optical rotation in accordance with ISO 592.

### 6.4 Chromatographic profile

Determine the chromatographic profile in accordance with ISO 11024.

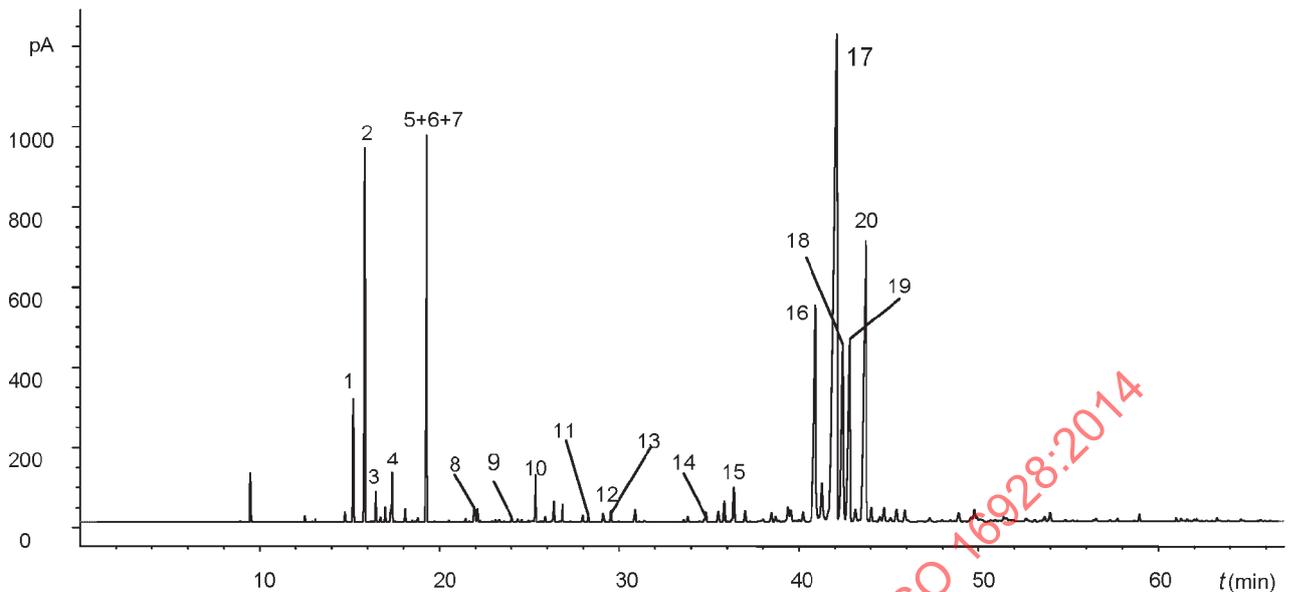
## 7 Packaging, labelling, marking and storage

These items shall be in accordance with ISO/TR 210 and ISO/TR 211.

**Annex A**  
(informative)

**Typical chromatograms of the analysis by gas chromatography of  
the essential oil of ginger (*Zingiber officinale* Roscoe)**

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**Key****Peak identification**

1	$\alpha$ -Pinene
2	Camphene
3	Methyl heptenone
4	$\beta$ -Myrcene
5+6+7	Limonene + 1,8-Cineole + $\beta$ -phellandrene
8	Linalool
9	Camphor
10	Borneol
11	Neral
12	Geraniol
13	Geranial
14	Geranyl acetate
15	$\beta$ -Elemene
16	ar-Curcumene
17	$\alpha$ -Zingiberene
18	$\alpha$ -Farnesene
19	$\beta$ -Bisabolene
20	$\beta$ -Sesquiphellandrene

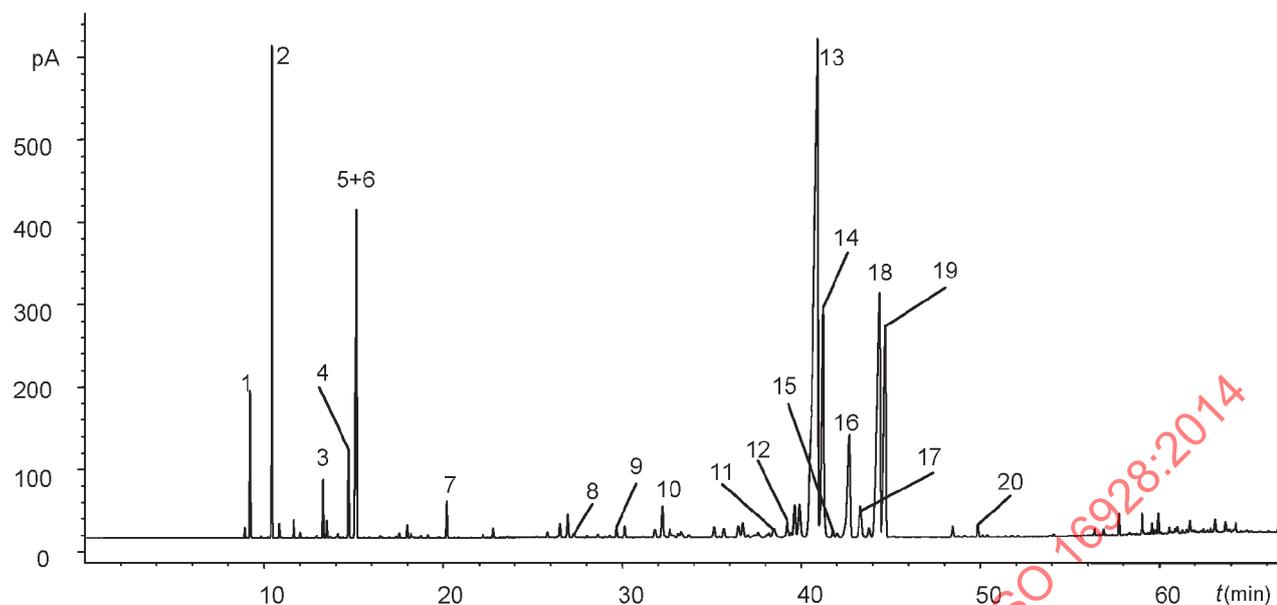
**Operating conditions**

Column: capillary fused silica; length 60 m;  
 internal diameter 0,25 mm  
 Stationary phase: polydimethyl siloxane (DB-1)<sup>a</sup>  
 Film thickness: 0,25  $\mu$ m  
 Oven temperature: isothermal at 60 °C for 2 min, then  
 temperature programming from 60 °C to 150 °C at a rate of  
 3 °C/min, temperature programming from 150 °C to 180 °C at  
 a rate of 1 °C/min, temperature programming from 180 °C to  
 220 °C at a rate of 5 °C/min, isothermal at 220 °C for 5 min  
 Injector temperature: 250 °C  
 Detector temperature: 250 °C  
 Detector: flame ionization type  
 Carrier gas: nitrogen  
 Volume injected: 0,2  $\mu$ l  
 Carrier gas flow rate: 1 ml/min  
 Split ratio: 1/100

*t* time

<sup>a</sup> Example of a suitable product available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of this product.

**Figure A.1 — Typical chromatogram taken on an apolar column for essential oil of ginger, produced in China**

**Key****Peak identification**

1	$\alpha$ -Pinene
2	Camphene
3	$\beta$ -Myrcene
4	Limonene
5+6	1,8-Cineole + $\beta$ -phellandrene
7	Methyl heptenone
8	Camphor
9	Linalool
10	$\beta$ -Elemene
11	Neral
12	Borneol
13	$\alpha$ -Zingiberene
14	$\beta$ -Bisabolene
15	Geranial
16	$\alpha$ -Farnesene
17	Geranyl acetate
18	$\beta$ -Sesquiphellandrene
19	ar-Curcumene
20	Geraniol

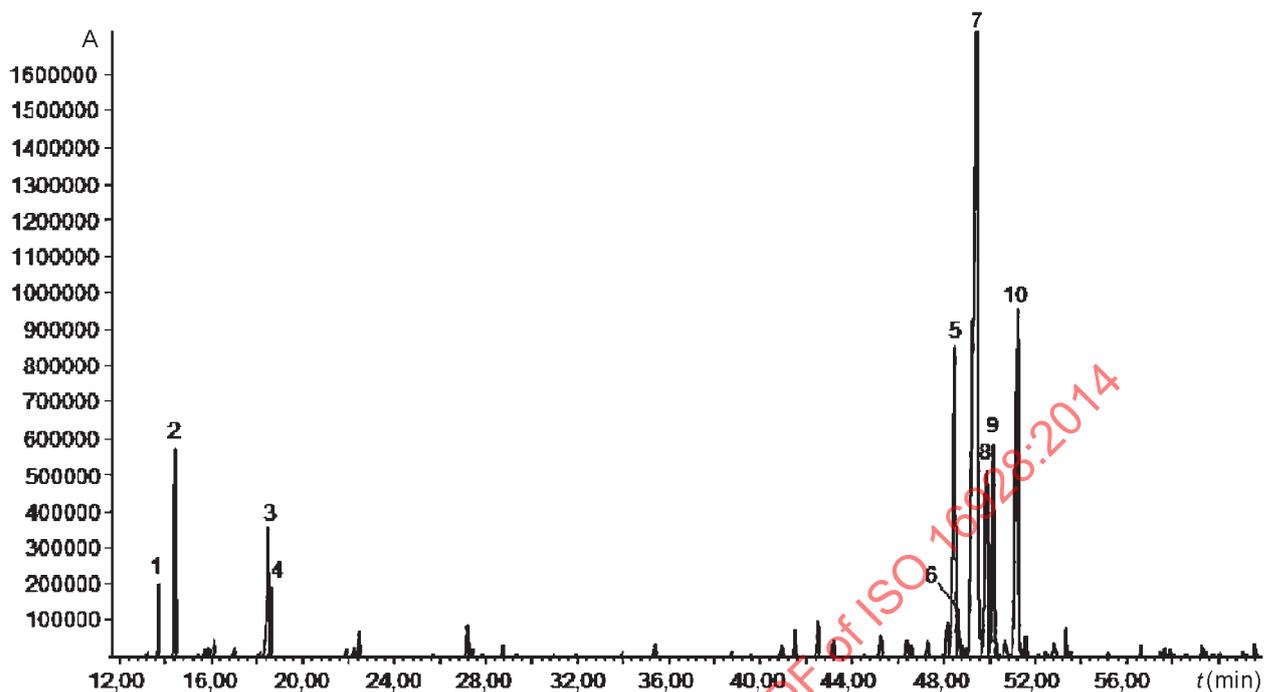
**Operating conditions**

Column: capillary, fused silica; length 60 m;  
 internal diameter 0,25 mm  
 Stationary phase: polyethylene glycol (Innowax 20 M)<sup>a</sup>  
 Film thickness: 0,25  $\mu$ m  
 Oven temperature: isothermal at 60 °C for 2 min, then  
 temperature programming from 60 °C to 120 °C at a rate of  
 3 °C/min, temperature programming from 120 °C to 145 °C at  
 a rate of 1 °C/min, temperature programming from 145 °C to  
 220 °C at a rate of 5 °C/min, isothermal at 220 °C for 5 min  
 Injector temperature: 250 °C  
 Detector temperature: 250 °C  
 Detector: flame ionization type  
 Carrier gas: helium  
 Volume injected: 0,2  $\mu$ l  
 Carrier gas flow rate: 1 ml/min  
 Split ratio: 1/100

*t* time

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**Figure A.2 — Typical chromatogram taken on a polar column for essential oil of ginger, produced in China**

**Key****Peak identification**

1	$\alpha$ -Pinene
2	Camphene
3	$\beta$ -Phellandrene
4	1,8-Cineole
5	<i>ar</i> -Curcumene
6	Germacrene D
7	$\alpha$ -Zingiberene
8	$\alpha$ -Farnesene
9	$\beta$ -Bisabolene
10	$\beta$ -Sesquiphellandrene

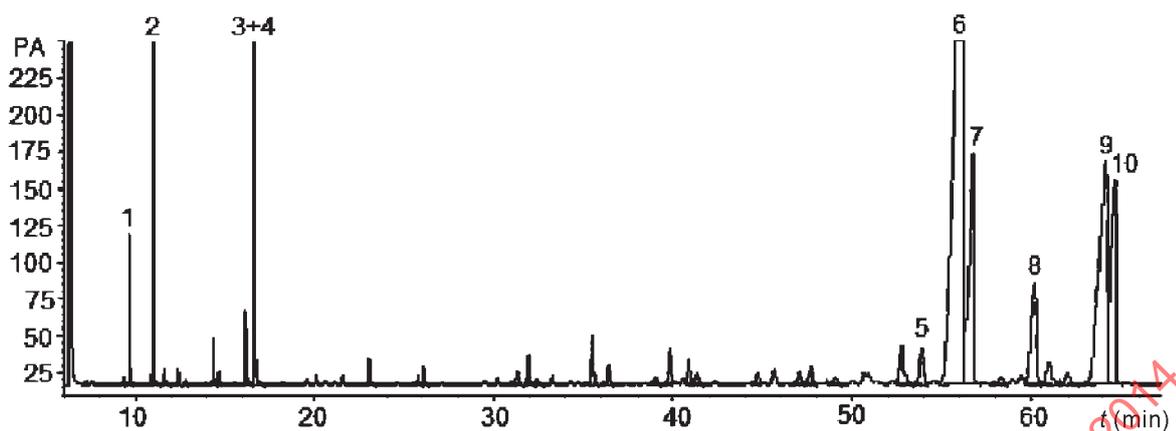
**Operating conditions**

Column: capillary, fused silica; length 60 m  
 Stationary phase: methyl polysiloxane (DB-5)<sup>a</sup>  
 Oven temperature: temperature programming from 70 °C to 270 °C at a rate of 2 °C/min  
 Injector temperature: 280 °C  
 Detector temperature: 280 °C  
 Detector: flame ionization type  
 Carrier gas: helium

*t* time

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**Figure A.3 — Typical chromatogram taken on an apolar column for essential oil of ginger, produced in India**

**Key****Peak identification**

1	$\alpha$ -Pinene
2	Camphene
3+4	$\beta$ -Phellandrene + 1,8-Cineole
5	Germacrene D
6	$\alpha$ -Zingiberene
7	$\beta$ -Bisabolene
8	$\alpha$ -Farnesene
9	$\beta$ -Sesquiphellandrene
10	ar-Curcumene

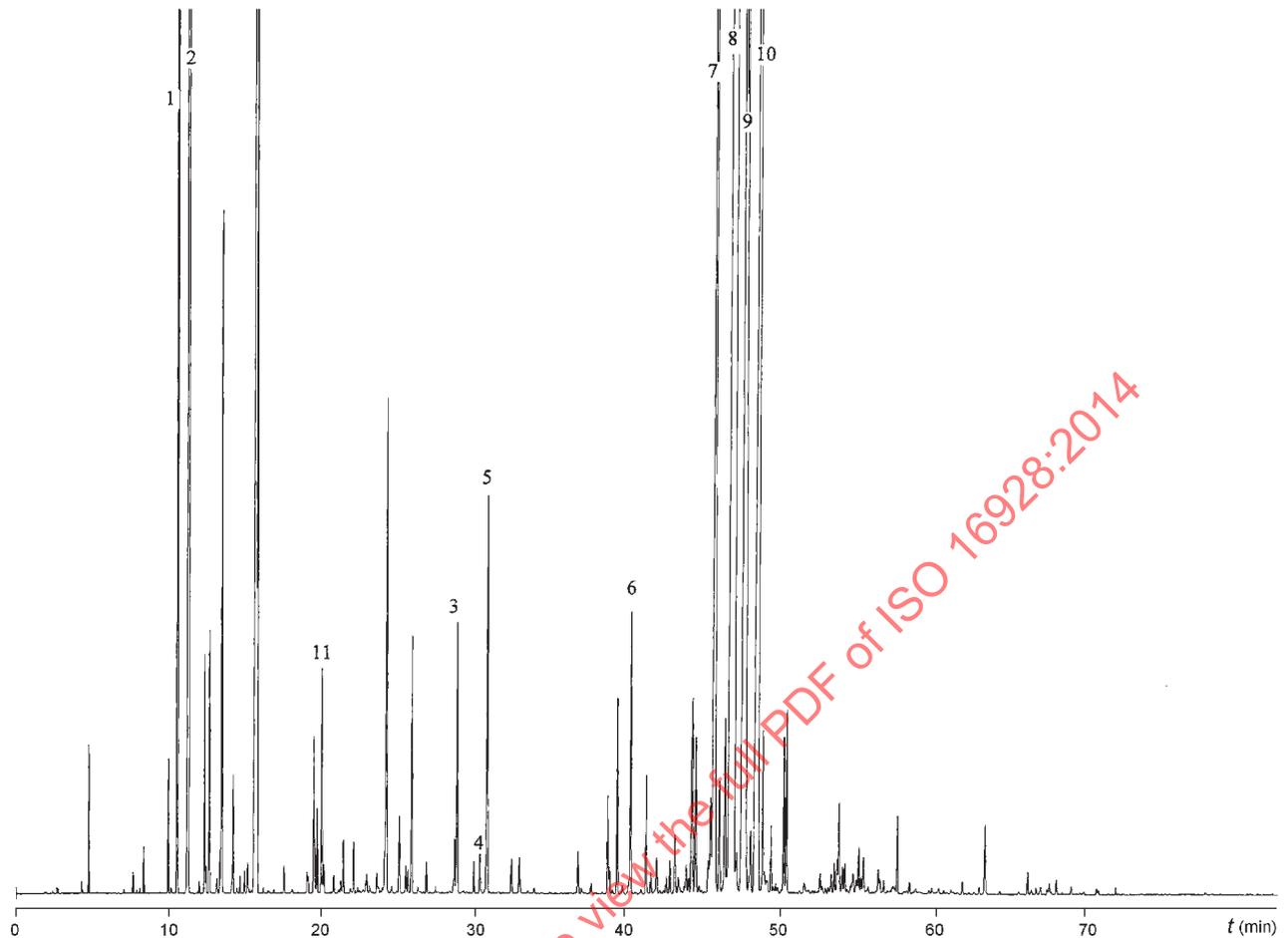
**Operating conditions**

Column: capillary, fused silica; length 60 m  
 Stationary phase: polyethylene glycol (Carbowax)<sup>a</sup>  
 Oven temperature: isothermal at 60 °C for 2 min, then temperature programming from 60 °C to 120 °C at a rate of 2,5 °C/min, temperature programming from 120 °C to 130 °C at a rate of 0,1 °C/min, temperature programming from 130 °C to 220 °C at a rate of 8 °C/min, isothermal at 220 °C for 20 min  
 Injector temperature: 240 °C  
 Detector temperature: 240 °C  
 Detector: flame ionization type  
 Carrier gas: helium

*t* time

<sup>a</sup> Example of a suitable product available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of this product.

**Figure A.4 — Typical chromatogram taken on a polar column for essential oil of ginger, produced in India**

**Key****Peak identification**

1	$\alpha$ -Pinene
2	Camphene
3	Neral
4	Geraniol
5	Geranial
6	$\beta$ -Elemene
7	ar-Curcumene
8	$\alpha$ -Zingiberene
9	$\beta$ -Bisabolene + $\alpha$ -Farnesene
10	$\beta$ -Sesquiphellandrene
11	Linalool

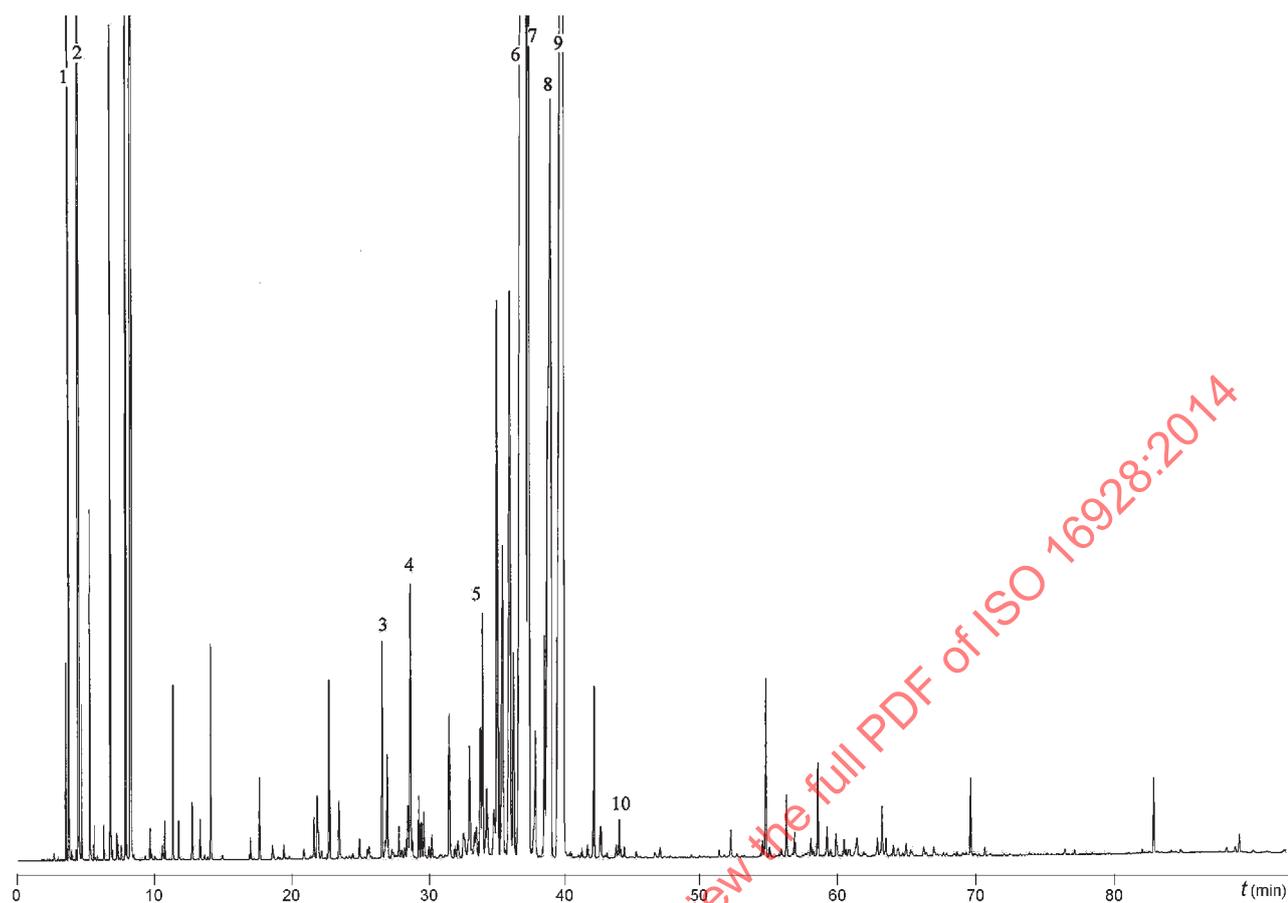
**Operating conditions**

Column: capillary, fused silica; length 50 m; internal diameter 0,22 mm  
 Stationary phase: dimethyl polysiloxane (BP 1)<sup>a</sup>  
 Film thickness: 0,25  $\mu$ m  
 Oven temperature: isothermal at 65 °C for 5 min, then temperature programming from 65 °C to 185 °C at a rate of 2°C/min, temperature programming from 185 °C to 230 °C at a rate of 3 °C/min, isothermal at 230 °C for 35 min  
 Injector temperature: 230 °C  
 Detector temperature: 250 °C  
 Detector: flame ionization type  
 Carrier gas: hydrogen  
 Volume injected: 0,2  $\mu$ l  
 Pre-column pressure: 152 KPa  
 Split ratio: 1/100

*t* time

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**Figure A.5 — Typical chromatogram taken on an apolar column for essential oil of ginger, produced in West Africa**

**Key****Peak identification**

1	$\alpha$ -Pinene
2	Camphene
3	Linalool
4	$\beta$ -Elemene
5	neral
6	$\alpha$ -Zingiberene
7	$\beta$ -Bisabolene + Geranial
8	$\alpha$ -Farnesene
9	$\beta$ -Sesquiphellandrene + ar-Curcumene
10	Geraniol

**Operating conditions**

Column: capillary, fused silica; length 50 m; internal diameter 0,22 mm

Stationary phase: polyethylene glycol (BP 20)<sup>a</sup>

Film thickness: 0,25  $\mu$ m

Oven temperature: isothermal at 65 °C for 5 min, then temperature programming from 65 °C to 185 °C at a rate of 2°C/min, temperature programming from 185 °C to 230 °C at a rate of 3 °C/min, isothermal at 230 °C for 35 min

Injector temperature: 230 °C

Detector temperature: 250 °C

Detector: flame ionization type

Carrier gas: hydrogen

Volume injected: 0,2  $\mu$ l

Pre-column pressure: 152 KPa

Split ratio: 1/100

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**Figure A.6 — Typical chromatogram taken on a polar column for essential oil of ginger, produced in West Africa**