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FOREWORD

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Spices and condiments — Preparation of a ground sample for analysis

1 SCOPE

This International Standard specifies a method for preparing a ground sample of spice or condiment for analysis, from a laboratory sample obtained by the method specified in ISO/R 948.

2 FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard is applicable to the majority of spices and condiments. However, in view of the large number and diversity of spices and condiments, it may be necessary in certain special cases, for example, considerable hardness, high moisture content, essential oil content or fat content, to use a modified procedure or to choose another more suitable method.

These modified procedures or alternative methods shall be indicated in the ISO Recommendations and International Standards concerning the specifications of these spices and condiments.

3 REFERENCE

ISO/R 948, *Spices and condiments — Sampling*.

4 PRINCIPLE

Grinding of the laboratory sample, which has been previously mixed, to obtain particles of approximately 1 mm size.

5 APPARATUS

5.1 Grinding mill

- made of material which does not absorb moisture;
- easy to clean and having as little dead space as possible;
- enabling a quick and uniform grinding without causing undue heating, and avoiding as far as possible, contact with outside air;
- adjustable to obtain particles of about 1 mm size.

5.2 Sample container, clean, dry, air-tight, made of glass or any other suitable material which has no action on the sample, of such a size that it will be nearly completely filled by the ground sample.

6 PROCEDURE

6.1 Use the laboratory sample obtained by the method specified in ISO/R 948.

6.2 Carefully mix the laboratory sample. Using the grinding mill (5.1), grind a small quantity of this sample and reject it.

6.3 Then, quickly grind an amount slightly larger than that required for the tests, avoiding undue heating of the apparatus during the operation.

Carefully mix so as to avoid stratification. Transfer the ground material to the previously dried sample container (5.2) and close it immediately.