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## Oil of cassia

*Huile essentielle de  
cannelle de Chine*

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## 1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies certain characteristics of oil of cassia, with a view to facilitating the assessment of its quality.

## 2 REFERENCES

ISO/R 210, *Essential oils – Packing.*

ISO/R 211, *Essential oils – Labelling and marking containers.*

ISO 212, *Essential oils – Sampling.*

ISO/R 279, *Determination of the density and relative density of essential oils.*

ISO/R 280, *Determination of the refractive index of essential oils.*

ISO/R 875, *Determination of solubility of essential oils in ethanol.*

ISO 1242, *Essential oils – Determination of acid value.*

ISO 1279, *Essential oils – Determination of the content of carbonyl compounds – Hydroxylammonium chloride method.*

## 3 DEFINITION

**oil of cassia**: The oil obtained by steam distillation of the leaves, leaf stalks and young twigs of *Cinnamomum cassia* (Nees) Nees ex Blume, syn: *Cinnamomum aromaticum* C.G. Nees.

## 4 REQUIREMENTS

### 4.1 Appearance

Mobile liquid.

### 4.2 Colour

Reddish brown.

### 4.3 Odour

Recalling cinnamaldehyde.

### 4.4 Taste

Spicy and hot.

### 4.5 Relative density at 20/20 °C

Minimum : 1,052

Maximum : 1,070

### 4.6 Refractive index at 20 °C

Minimum : 1,600 0

Maximum : 1,614 0

### 4.7 Solubility in 70 % (V/V) ethanol at 20 °C

The solubility in 70 % (V/V) ethanol at 20 °C shall be 1 volume in 3 volumes to give a clear solution.

### 4.8 Acid value

Maximum : 15,0

### 4.9 Carbonyl compounds content, expressed as cinnamaldehyde.

Minimum : 80 %

## 5 SAMPLING

See ISO 212.

Minimum volume of final sample : 50 ml