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## Rape (colza) seeds with high erucic acid content — Specification

*Graines de colza à forte teneur en acide érucique — Spécifications*

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## Foreword

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## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard gives minimum specifications for rape (colza) seeds with high erucic acid content, intended for crushing.

## 2 References

ISO 542, *Oilseeds — Sampling.*

ISO 658, *Oilseeds — Determination of impurities content.*

ISO 659, *Oilseeds — Determination of hexane extract (or light petroleum extract), called "oil content".*

ISO 664, *Oilseeds — Reduction of contract samples to analysis samples.*

ISO 665, *Oilseeds — Determination of moisture and volatile matter content.*

ISO 729, *Oilseeds — Determination of acidity of oils.*

ISO 5508, *Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Analysis by gas-liquid chromatography of methyl esters of fatty acids.*

ISO 5509, *Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Preparation of methyl esters of fatty acids.*

## 3 Requirements

### 3.1 Organoleptic and sanitary characteristics

Rape seeds shall be sound, ripe, without foreign odour (phytopharmaceutical products, etc.) or any odour indicating a change in condition (mouldy, rotten, burnt odour, etc.).

The presence of living insects is not permitted.

### 3.2 Physical and chemical characteristics

Table

Characteristic	Specification	Method of test
Impurities, total, % (m/m) max. including stones and metallic particles not passing through a sieve of nominal aperture size 1 mm, % (m/m) max.	2	ISO 658
Moisture and volatile matter content of the product as received, % (m/m) max.	0,2	ISO 665
Moisture and volatile matter content of the product as received, % (m/m) min.	9	ISO 665
Oil content (hexane extract) determined on the product as received, expressed in relation to a moisture and volatile matter content of 9 % (m/m), % (m/m) min.	6	ISO 665
Acidity of extractable oil, expressed as oleic acid content, % (m/m) max.	36	ISO 659
Erucic acid content as a percentage of the methyl esters of the total fatty acids in the extractable oil, % (m/m) min.	2	ISO 729
	40	ISO 5508 and ISO 5509

## 4 Sampling and samples

See ISO 542 and ISO 664.

## 5 Methods of test

The samples of rape seeds shall be tested for conformity to the requirements of this International Standard by the methods of test referred to in the table.

## 6 Packing, marking, storage and transport

Until requirements are internationally standardized, current national regulations or commercial practice shall apply.