
**Aromatic natural raw materials —
Vocabulary**

Matières premières aromatiques naturelles — Vocabulaire

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- modification of the definition in [3.13](#);
- addition of [3.19](#).

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Introduction

This document falls within the framework of the standardization work conducted within the essential oils sector. It is aimed at defining the natural raw materials and products which stem from that sector. It is not intended to integrate all the provisions of other sectors of activity which use the products defined in this document (e.g. perfumes or fragrances, cosmetics, food industry flavours).

A thematic index and an alphabetical index of terms are included at the end of this document.

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Aromatic natural raw materials — Vocabulary

1 Scope

This document specifies the terms and definitions relating to aromatic natural raw materials.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

absolute

product obtained by extraction with ethanol from a *concrete* (3.7), a *pomade* (3.23), a *resinoid* (3.27) or a *supercritical fluid extract* (3.28)

Note 1 to entry: The ethanolic solution is generally cooled down and filtered in order to eliminate the “waxes”; the ethanol is then eliminated by distillation.

3.2

alcoholate

distillate (3.8) which results from the distillation of a *natural raw material* (3.20) in presence of ethanol at variable concentrations

3.3

aromatic water

hydrolate

aqueous *distillate* (3.8) which remains after steam distillation and separation of the *essential oil* (3.11) whenever possible

EXAMPLE Lavender hydrolate (water), orange blossom water.

Note 1 to entry: A floral water or a “plant name” water is an aromatic water.

Note 2 to entry: Aromatic water can undergo physical treatments which do not result in any significant changes in its composition (e.g. filtration, decantation, centrifugation).

3.4

balsam

oleoresin (3.18) characterized in particular by the presence of benzoic derivatives, cinnamic derivatives or both

EXAMPLE Peru balsam, Tolu balsam, benzoin, styrax.

3.5

cold-pressed essential oil

essential oil (3.11) obtained by mechanical processes from the epicarp of the fruit of a citrus, at ambient temperature

3.6
concentrated essential oil
folded oil

essential oil (3.11) treated by a physical process in order to concentrate one or more components considered to be of interest

3.7
concrete

extract (3.13) obtained from a fresh *natural raw material* (3.20) by extraction with one or several solvents

Note 1 to entry: The solvent or solvents are then totally or partly removed.

3.8
distillate

product of condensation obtained after distillation of a *natural raw material* (3.20)

3.9
dry-distilled essential oil

essential oil (3.11) obtained by distillation of wood, barks, roots or gums, without addition of water or steam

EXAMPLE Birch tar essential oil.

3.10
essential oil of fruit juice

essential oil (3.11) obtained from a fruit juice during its concentration or during UHT (flash pasteurization) treatment

Note 1 to entry: The water and aromatic oils are separated to yield an aromatic oil phase and a dilute water phase, which contains the water-soluble aromatic components.

3.11
essential oil

product obtained from a *natural raw material* (3.20) of plant origin, by steam distillation, by mechanical processes from the epicarp of citrus fruits or by dry distillation, after separation of the aqueous phase – if any – by physical processes

Note 1 to entry: The essential oil can undergo physical treatments which do not result in any significant change in its composition (e.g. filtration, decantation, centrifugation).

Note 2 to entry: The phrase “Essential oil of ...” has been used instead of “Oil of ...” in all ISO/TC 54 standards published since 2010.

3.12
essential oil obtained by steam distillation

essential oil (3.11) which is obtained by steam distillation with addition of water to the still (hydrodistillation) or without addition of water to the still (directly by steam)

EXAMPLE Essential oil of orris (commonly named “iris butter”).

3.13
extract

product obtained by treating a *natural raw material* (3.20) or *aromatic water (hydrolate)* (3.3) with one or several solvents

EXAMPLE Coffee extract, tea extract, rose hydrolate extract.

Note 1 to entry: The obtained solution may be cooled and filtered.

Note 2 to entry: The term “extract” is a generic term.

Note 3 to entry: The solvent or solvents are then totally or partly removed.

3.14**exudate**

natural raw material (3.20) excreted by the plant

3.15**gum**

exudate (3.14) consisting mainly of polysaccharides

3.16**gum oleoresin**

exudate (3.14) consisting mainly of resinous compounds, gums and certain quantities of volatile compounds

EXAMPLE Myrrh, olibanum, galbanum.

3.17**gum resin**

exudate (3.14) consisting mainly of resinous compounds and *gum* (3.15)

EXAMPLE Shellac gum.

3.18**oleoresin**

exudate (3.14) consisting mainly of resinous and volatile compounds

EXAMPLE Pine oleoresin, gurjum.

Note 1 to entry: This natural oleoresin, due to exudation, differs from *extracted oleoresins* (3.22).

3.19**native aromatic water**

aqueous distillate obtained from *natural raw material* (3.20) endogenous water

Note 1 to entry: There is no exogenous water addition during the process.

EXAMPLE Strawberry native aromatic water, cornmint native aromatic water.

3.20**natural raw material**

material of vegetal, animal or microbiological origin, as such, obtained by physical, enzymatic or microbiological processes or by traditional preparation processes

Note 1 to entry: Traditional preparation processes include, for example, extraction, distillation, heating, torrefaction, fermentation.

Note 2 to entry: Other sectors of activity can have defined supplementary requirements.

3.21**non-concentrated extract****single-fold extract**

product obtained by treating a *natural raw material* (3.20) with one or several non-eliminated solvents

EXAMPLE Asafoetida in peanut oil, benzoin in ethanol.

3.22**extracted oleoresin**

extract (3.13) of spice or aromatic herb

EXAMPLE Pepper oleoresin, ginger oleoresin.

Note 1 to entry: This extraction-obtained oleoresin differs from exudation-obtained *oleoresins* (3.18).

3.23

pomade

perfumed fat obtained from a flower, either by “cold enfleurage” (diffusion in particular of the odoriferous compounds of the flower in the fat) or by “hot enfleurage” (digestion or immersion of the flower in the melted fat)

3.24

post-treated essential oil

product having undergone a post-treatment

Note 1 to entry: This type of product is designated as “essential oil preceded by the adjective specifying the type of treatment” e.g. decolourized essential oil, washed essential oil, iron eliminated essential oil.

3.25

rectified essential oil

essential oil (3.11) which has been subjected to a fractional distillation in order to modify the content of certain compounds, its colour or both

EXAMPLE Rectified mint essential oil.

3.26

resin

product obtained from *oleoresin* (3.18), by as complete as possible elimination of the volatile compounds

3.27

resinoid

extract (3.13) obtained from a dry plant natural raw material by extraction with one or several solvents

EXAMPLE Incense, benzoin, elemi.

Note 1 to entry: The solvent or solvents are then totally or partly removed.

3.28

supercritical fluid extract

extract (3.13) obtained by treating a *natural raw material* (3.20) in a supercritical fluid followed by a separation by expansion

EXAMPLE Coffee CO₂ extract, pink peppercorns CO₂ extract.

Note 1 to entry: The extract so obtained may undergo physical treatments which do not result in any significant changes in its composition (e.g. filtration, decantation, centrifugation).

3.29

“terpeneless and sesquiterpeneless” essential oil

rectified essential oil (3.25) from which certain fractions containing mainly the mono- and sesquiterpene hydrocarbons have been partly eliminated

3.30

“terpeneless” essential oil

rectified essential oil (3.25) from which certain fractions containing mainly the monoterpene hydrocarbons have been partly eliminated

3.31

terpenes

products mainly consisting of terpenic hydrocarbons obtained as by-products of an *essential oil* (3.11) by distillation, concentration or other separation techniques

EXAMPLE Orange terpenes, mint terpenes.

3.32**tincture and infusion**

solution obtained by maceration of a *natural raw material* (3.20) in ethanol at variable concentrations or in water

EXAMPLE Tincture of benzoin, tincture of grey amber, vanilla infusion.

3.33**volatile concentrate**

concentrated water-soluble volatile substances recovered from the evaporated water of a fruit juice, a vegetable juice or an aqueous plant infusion

EXAMPLE Orange juice volatile concentrate, liquorice volatile concentrate, coffee volatile concentrate.

3.34**“x-free” essential oil**

essential oil (3.11) from which a component “x” has been partly or completely eliminated

EXAMPLE Furocoumarin-free essential oil of bergamot, essential oil of *Mentha arvensis* with partially reduced menthol content.

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