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Introduction

Coix lacryma-jobi var. *ma-yuen* seed, is the dried ripe seed of *Coix lacryma-jobi* L. var. *ma-yuen* (Roman.) Stapf, Chinese phonetic name is Yiyiren, and is a well-known traditional Chinese medicine. Currently, it is commonly used as one of the main traditional Chinese medicines (TCMs) in over 100 prescriptions based on its wide spectrum of biological and pharmacological activities, for treating edema, athlete's foot, poor urination, cancer, spleen deficiency and diarrhea, etc. *Coix lacryma-jobi* var. *ma-yuen* seed oil extracted has also been developed as an anti-tumor agent. The global import and export trade volume is huge with sustainable growth in recent years, and the countries of trade mainly include South Korea, Japan, United Kingdom, United States, Australia, Thailand, Vietnam, etc. However, *Coix lacryma-jobi* var. *ma-yuen* seed still has the following concerns in quality and safety control:

- a) The processing method, storage pattern and operation technology of *Coix lacryma-jobi* var. *ma-yuen* seed have not been standardized, which and may affect the quality and safety of medicinal materials.
- b) The requirements of *Coix lacryma-jobi* var. *ma-yuen* seed are different in different countries, including China, Japan, Korea, American and European. The applicability of standards is limited and affects international trade.
- c) *Coix lacryma-jobi* var. *ma-yuen* seed ranked the 136th in the ISO/TR 23975: 2025 Traditional Chinese medicine — Priority list of single herbal medicines for developing standards, which is in the high priority of developing international standards.

Therefore, an international standard is required for *Coix lacryma-jobi* var. *ma-yuen* seed for quality control of the herb and products.

This document aims to build a systematic and practical international standard for *Coix lacryma-jobi* var. *ma-yuen* seed to control and guarantee stable quality, to ensure the safety and effective use in clinic, to standardize the global market trade, and to reduce cases of mycotoxins pollution.

As national implementation may differ, national standards bodies are invited to modify the requirements given in 5.5 in their national standards. Examples of national and regional values are given in [Annex D](#).