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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee CH-021, Essential Oils.

The objective of this document is to specify a list of the botanical names of plants used for the production of essential oils, together with the common names of the essential oils.

An alphabetical index of common names of essential oils is also included at the end of this document.

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Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition, ISO 4720:2009, which has been technically revised with additions, deletions and the replacement of the botanical names of some plants.

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Introduction

This document gives a list of the botanical names of plants used for the production of essential oils, in order to harmonize their nomenclature.

In addition to this document, ISO/TC 54, *Essential oils*, has established ISO/TR 21092^[87], in which different numbers (CAS-USA, EINECS, CAS-EINECS, Fema, EC and FDA numbers) are listed for the characterization of essential oils.

Characterization of essential oils by using a single number (e.g. CAS number) would not be complete and it could lead to ambiguity and misunderstandings.

That is the reason why, through ISO/TR 21092^[87], ISO/TC 54 intends to provide the users of essential oils with useful information for a complete characterization of essential oils included in this document.

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1 Scope

This document gives a list of the botanical names of plants used for the production of essential oils, together with the common names of the essential oils.

An alphabetical index of common names of essential oils is included at the end of this document.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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/>

4 Nomenclature for essential oils

A list of the botanical names of plants used for the production of essential oils, together with the common names of the essential oils, is given in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Nomenclature for essential oils

No.	Botanical name of plant	Family	English common name (essential oil of ...)	Reference	Part of the plant used
1	<i>Abelmoschus moschatus</i> Medik. syn. <i>Hibiscus abelmoschus</i> L.	Malvaceae	ambrette seed		seed
2	<i>Abies alba</i> Mill.	Pinaceae	silver fir		leaf (needle), terminal branchlet
3	<i>Abies balsamea</i> (L.) Mill.	Pinaceae	fir needle fir balsam, Canadian		leaf (needle), erminal branchlet
4	<i>Abies sibirica</i> Ledeb.	Pinaceae	fir needle, Siberian	ISO 10869[71]	leaf (needle), terminal branchlet
5	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> L.	Asteraceae	yarrow milfoil		aerial parts
6	<i>Acorus calamus</i> L.	Araceae	sweet flag calamus		rhizome
7	<i>Agathosma betulina</i> (P.J. Bergius) Pillans	Rutaceae	buchu		leaves
8	<i>Allium cepa</i> L.	Alliaceae	onion		bulb
9	<i>Allium sativum</i> L.	Alliaceae	garlic		bulb

Table 1 (continued)

No.	Botanical name of plant	Family	English common name (essential oil of ...)	Reference	Part of the plant used
10	<i>Aloysia citriodora</i> Palau syn. <i>Aloysia triphylla</i> (L'Hér.) Britton syn. <i>Lippia triphylla</i> (L'Hér.) Kuntze, syn. <i>Verbena triphylla</i> L'Hér. syn. <i>Lippia citriodora</i> (Palau) Kunth	Verbenaceae	lemon verbena		flowering top, leaf
11	<i>Amyris balsamifera</i> L.	Rutaceae	amyris	ISO 3525[33]	wood
12	<i>Anethum graveolens</i> L.	Apiaceae	dill seed		fruit
			dill weed		aerial parts
13	<i>Anethum sowa</i> Roxb. ex Fleming	Apiaceae	indian dill		fruit
14	<i>Angelica archangelica</i> L.	Apiaceae	angelica		fruit, rhizome and root
15	<i>Aniba rosaeodora</i> Ducke <i>Aniba parviflora</i> (Meissn.) Mez.	Lauraceae	rosewood, Brazilian type	ISO 3761[40]	wood
16	<i>Apium graveolens</i> L.	Apiaceae	celery seed	ISO 3760[39]	fruit
			celery herb		aerial parts
17	<i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i> Lam. syn. <i>Aquilaria agallocha</i> Roxb.	Thymelaeaceae	agarwood		wood
18	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i> L.	Asteraceae	wormwood herb		leaves, flowering tops
19	<i>Artemisia afra</i> Jacq. ex Willd.	Asteraceae	african wormwood		leaves, flowering tops
20	<i>Artemisia annua</i> L. syn. <i>Artemisia chamomilla</i> C. Winkl.	Asteraceae	annual wormwood sweet sagewort sweet Annie		flowering tops
21	<i>Artemisia dracunculus</i> L.	Asteraceae	tarragon	ISO 10115[69]	aerial parts
22	<i>Artemisia herba-alba</i> Asso.	Asteraceae	armoise		leaves, aerial parts
23	<i>Artemisia pallens</i> Wall. ex DC.	Asteraceae	davana		flowering tops
24	<i>Backhousia citriodora</i> F. Muell.	Myrtaceae	lemon myrtle		leaf, terminal branchlets
25	<i>Betula lenta</i> L.	Betulaceae	sweet birch		bark
26	<i>Betula pendula</i> Roth	Betulaceae	birch tar		wood exudate
27	<i>Boswellia sacra</i> Flueck. syn. <i>Boswellia carteri</i> Birdw.	Burseraceae	olibanum frankincense		wood exudate
28	<i>Brassica juncea</i> (L.) Czern.	Brassicaceae	yellow mustard		seed

Table 1 (continued)

No.	Botanical name of plant	Family	English common name (essential oil of ...)	Reference	Part of the plant used
29	<i>Brassica nigra</i> (L.) W.D.J. Koch	Brassicaceae	black mustard		seed
30	<i>Bulnesia sarmientoi</i> Lorentz ex Griseb	Zygophyllaceae	guaiaac wood		wood
31	<i>Bunium persicum</i> (Boiss.) B. Fedtsch.	Apiaceae	black caraway		seed, tuber
32.1	<i>Bursera fagaroides</i> (Kunth) Engl.	Burseraceae	linaloe		wood
32.2	<i>Bursera glabrifolia</i> (Kunth) Engl.				
33	<i>Bursera linanoe</i> (La Llave) Rzed., Calderón & Medina syn. <i>Bursera delpechiana</i> Poiss. ex Engl. syn. <i>Bursera aloexylon</i> (Schiede ex Schltdl.) Engl.	Burseraceae	linaloe fruit		berries
34	<i>Callitris columellaris</i> F. Muell. syn. <i>C. glaucophylla</i> J. Thomps. & L.A.S. Johnson syn. <i>C. intratropica</i> R.T.Baker & H.G.Sm.	Cupressaceae	cypress-pine		wood
35	<i>Cananga odorata</i> (Lam.) Hook. f. & Thomson forma <i>macrophylla</i>	Annonaceae	cananga	ISO 3523[31]	flower
36	<i>Cananga odorata</i> (Lam.) Hook. f. & Thomson forma <i>genuina</i>	Annonacea	ylang-ylang	ISO 3063[14]	flower
37	<i>Canarium luzonicum</i> (Blume) A. Gray	Burseraceae	elemi	ISO 10624[70]	wood exudate (natural oleoresin)
38	<i>Carum carvi</i> L.	Apiaceae	caraway seed	ISO 8896[55]	fruit
39	<i>Cedrus atlantica</i> (Endl.) G. Manetti ex Carrière	Pinaceae	cedarwood Atlas		wood
40	<i>Cedrus deodara</i> (Roxb. ex D. Don) G. Don	Pinaceae	cedarwood Himalaya		wood
41	<i>Chamaemelum nobile</i> (L.) All. syn. <i>Anthemis nobilis</i> L. syn. <i>Ormenis nobilis</i> (L.) J. Gay ex Coss. & Germ.	Asteraceae	chamomile English chamomile Roman chamomile		flowering tops
42	<i>Chrysopogon zizanioides</i> (L.) Roberty syn. <i>Vetiveria zizanioides</i> (L.) Nash	Poaceae	vetiver	ISO 4716[44]	root