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Foreword

This Part of BS 7087 has been prepared by Technical Committee AW/7 and is part of a series on herbs and spices prepared for food use within the UK. This new edition supersedes BS 7087-1:1989, which is withdrawn.

For some years, BSI has published British Standards for herbs and spices in a variety of commercial forms. These British Standards were either identical with, of substantially related to, the corresponding International Standards published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). However, the Technical Committee decided that the requirements in the International Standards did not correspond to the quality required by UK trade. The British Standards implementing those International Standards are therefore being progressively withdrawn and replaced by Parts of BS 7087 for herbs and spices ready for food use. A related International Standard, ISO 959, has been taken into account in the preparation of this Part of BS 7087.

Attention is drawn to the requirements of the Food Safety Act 1990 [1] relating to fitness, wholesomeness, nature, substance and quality with implications for the microbiological quality of dried herbs and spices, with particular references to contamination by pathogenic organisms of importance to human health.

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