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Introduction

Mugwort leaf is a traditional herbal medicine. It is mainly used for the treatment of irregular menstruation, infertility, hematemesis, epistaxis, metrorrhagia and pruritus in China and some other countries. It is also the raw material for famous moxibustion therapy, many pharmaceutical preparations and health care products. Mugwort leaf originates from the three species of plants *Artemisia argyi* Lévl. et Vant., *Artemisia princeps* Pampanini or *Artemisia montana* Pampanini in different countries. The three original species mainly grow in China and Korea, and the second and third species also grow in Japan. Among them, the dried leaf of *Artemisia argyi* Lévl. et Vant. has been used most extensively in the world. This document is established mainly to control the quality of *Artemisia argyi* leaf for direct medicinal and pharmaceutical purpose.

For reference, the limit values of the relevant target substance and moisture, total ash and acid-insoluble ash have been provided in [Annex D](#). In addition, factors affecting the quality of *Artemisia argyi* leaf also include pH and organic matters of soil, light, harvest time, as well as cultivation techniques and so on. These factors cannot be controlled by sample analysis. Therefore, relevant information is described in [Annex E](#) as a reference.

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