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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee CH-021, Essential Oils, to supersede AS 2782-2009, *Oil of Melaleuca, terpinen-4-ol type (Tea Tree oil)*.

The objective of this document is to specify certain characteristics of the essential oil of *Melaleuca, terpinen-4-ol type (Tea Tree oil)*, in order to facilitate assessment of its quality.

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Essential oil of *Melaleuca*, terpinen-4-ol type (Tea Tree oil)

1 Scope

This document specifies certain characteristics of the essential oil of *Melaleuca*, terpinen-4-ol type (Tea Tree oil), in order to facilitate assessment of its quality.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/TS 210, *Essential oils — General rules for packaging, conditioning and storage*

ISO/TS 211, *Essential oils — General rules for labelling and marking of containers*

ISO 212, *Essential oils — Sampling*

ISO 279, *Essential oils — Determination of relative density at 20 °C — Reference method*

ISO 280, *Essential oils — Determination of refractive index*

ISO 592, *Essential oils — Determination of optical rotation*

ISO 875, *Essential oils — Evaluation of miscibility in ethanol*

ISO 11024 (all parts), *Essential oils — General guidance on chromatographic profiles*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

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essential oil of *Melaleuca*, terpinen-4-ol type

Tea Tree oil

essential oil obtained by steam distillation of the leaves and terminal branchlets of *Melaleuca alternifolia* (Maiden et Reche) Cheel or of *M. linariifolia* Sm.

Note 1 to entry: For information on the CAS number, see ISO/TR 21092.

4 Requirements

4.1 Essential oil of *Melaleuca*, terpinen-4-ol type (Tea Tree oil) shall meet the requirements as given in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Requirements for the essential oil of *Melaleuca*, terpinen-4-ol type (Tea Tree oil)

Characteristics	Requirements	ISO test method
Appearance	Clear, mobile liquid	—
Colour	Colourless to pale yellow	—