

Australian Standard™

Fresh cut flowers and foliage—Australian and related flora

Part 4: *Caustis blakei* (koala fern)

PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee CS-090, Horticulture.

The Standard is based on an industry standard developed by the Australian Flower Export Council and the Queensland Wax and Nature Flower Association.

The aim of this series of Standards is to improve the quality of fresh cut flowers and foliage of Australian and related species for export by setting minimum specifications to maintain the potential of the product at the point of export.

The AS 4689 series of Standards sets out general and product packaging requirements in Part 1. Part 1 includes a postharvest vase life test, the aim of which is to provide a test that can be used to compare batches of flowers or foliage. The remaining Parts contain specific requirements for particular flowers or foliage. This series of standards is intended for use by flower producers and exporters within Australia.

This is Part 4 of AS 4689 series which comprises 7 parts as follows:

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- 4689.1 Part 1: General and postharvest vase life requirements
- 4689.2 Part 2: *Anigozanthos* (kangaroo paw)
- 4689.3 Part 3: *Banksia*
- 4689.4 Part 4: *Caustis blakei* (koala fern)
- 4689.5 Part 5: *Chamelaucium* (wax flower)
- 4689.6 Part 6: *Ozothamnus diosmifolius* syn. *Helichrysum diosmifolium* (rice flower)
- 4689.7 Part 7: *Telopea* (waratah)

1 SCOPE

This Standard sets out particular requirements for koala fern, *Caustis Blakei*, to be applied in addition to the general requirements of AS 4689.1, in order to specify quality and consistency criteria for products for exports. It includes one category only in order to achieve the consistency in quality required by overseas markets. The Standard does not apply to dried product nor does it include information on operational or market specific matters.

2 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Standard is to provide growers, suppliers, exporters and purchasers with minimum specifications for *Caustis blakei* for export, and enable use of these criteria to assist in evaluating, selecting or achieving the consistency in quality required for export.