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Essential oils — General rules for labelling and marking of containers

1 Scope

This Technical Specification specifies the general rules for labelling and marking of containers for essential oils to enable the identification of the contents.

2 Terms and definitions

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

2.1 labelling

process that permits the identification and characterization of the contents of a container by means of a label, a necklace, an inscription, etc., which does not form part of the container

2.2 marking

process that permits the identification and characterization of the contents of a container by means of a mark, a stamp, a picture, which forms part of the container

3 General

Because the labels may be totally or partially destroyed, marking is preferred, particularly for large volume containers, e.g. barrels, tins.

However, labels may be convenient for small containers which are used to contain reference samples or test samples.

Material from which the labels are manufactured shall be sufficiently durable to withstand the transport conditions.

The labels shall be fixed by means of a process which renders their replacement impossible, as well as prevent their subsequent use for other purposes.

The marking shall be affixed directly on the container by a process which makes it durable and indelible.

4 Requirements

Labelling and/or marking shall

- be easily understandable,
- figure in a visible location, and
- be clearly legible and indelible.

Labelling and/or marking shall not

- be dissimulated by any other lettering or pictures,
- be likely to mislead the purchaser regarding the properties, nature, identity, quality, composition, shelf-life, source, provenance, method of manufacture, or requirements, and