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**Essential oils — General guidance on  
chromatographic profiles —**

**Part 1:**

Preparation of chromatographic profiles for  
presentation in standards

*Huiles essentielles — Directives générales concernant les profils  
chromatographiques —*

*Partie 1: Élaboration des profils chromatographiques pour la présentation  
dans les normes*



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International Standard ISO 11024 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Essential oils — General guidance on chromatographic profiles*:

- *Part 1: Preparation of chromatographic profiles for presentation in standards*
- *Part 2: Utilization of chromatographic profiles of samples of essential oils*

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# Essential oils — General guidance on chromatographic profiles —

## Part 1:

## Preparation of chromatographic profiles for presentation in standards

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 11024 describes general guidelines on the determination of the chromatographic profile of an essential oil by gas chromatography on a capillary column.

The chromatographic profile is one of the specifications which enables assessment of the quality of an essential oil in the same way as the physico-chemical characteristics. It is determined at the time of finalizing the standard on the essential oil.

It is not a determination of the true concentration of the components, it is only an evaluation of its relative proportions.

NOTE Refer also to ISO 11024-2<sup>1)</sup> for use of chromatographic profiles of samples of essential oils.

### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 11024. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 11024 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 356, *Essential oils — Preparation of test samples*.

ISO 7609, *Essential oils — Analysis by gas chromatography on capillary columns — General method*.

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 11024 the following terms and definitions apply.

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1) ISO 11024-2, *Essential oils — General guidance on chromatographic profiles — Part 2: Utilization of chromatographic profiles of samples of essential oils*.