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Introduction

Angelica root is a traditional herbal remedy, derived from the dried root of *Angelica sinensis* (Oliv.) Diels, *Angelica acutiloba* (Sieb. et Zucc.) Kitagawa and *Angelica gigas* Nakai, of the Umbelliferae family, as recorded by the Chinese Pharmacopoeia, the Japanese Pharmacopoeia and the Korean Pharmacopoeia, respectively, and has a long medicinal history. *Angelica sinensis* is still one of the herbs most commonly used by traditional Chinese medicine practitioners in Asia, North America and Europe. It is commonly known as female ginseng, and widely used to invigorate blood circulation and replenish blood in treating women's reproductive problems, such as dysmenorrhea, amenorrhoea and menopause. It has also been used in over 20 countries for its significant effectiveness in the pharmaceutical and cosmetic fields.

The quality of *Angelica sinensis* root is crucial for efficacy and safety for consumers. Until now, there have been no unique requirements for *Angelica sinensis* root, although *Angelica sinensis* root has also been recorded by the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia, the European Pharmacopoeia, the British Pharmacopoeia and the Hong Kong Chinese Materia Medica Standards. It is therefore important to standardize the quality of *Angelica sinensis* root globally in order to benefit farmers, enterprises and companies involved in the planting, management and trade of *Angelica sinensis* root.

As national implementation may differ, national standards bodies are invited to modify the values given the. in 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9 and 5.10 in their national standards. Examples of national and regional values are given in Annex D.

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1 Scope

This document specifies minimum requirements and test methods for *Angelica sinensis* root that is derived from *Angelica sinensis* (Oliv.) Diels.

It is applicable to *Angelica sinensis* root that is sold and used as a natural medicine in international trade, including Chinese materia medica (whole medicinal materials) and decoction pieces derived from this plant.

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 1575, Tea — Determination of total ash

ISO 1577, Tea — Determination of acid-insoluble ash

ISO 18664, Traditional Chinese Medicine — Determination of heavy metals in herbal medicines used in Traditional Chinese Medicine

ISO 20409, Traditional Chinese medicine — Panax notoginseng root and rhizome

ISO 21371, Traditional Chinese medicine — Labelling requirements of products intended for oral or topical use

CAC/MRL01 Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides in Foods

CODEX STAN 229, Analysis of pesticide residues: Recommended methods

World Health Organization 2011, Quality control methods for herbal materials, General advice on sampling

3 Terms and definitions

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

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp
- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

3.1

root

main underground part of a plant that can branch

3.2

root stock

top part of the dried main root (3.1), which is closest to the stem

3.3

total ash

residue obtained after incineration at 525 °C ± 25 °C

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