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Part 8:

Determination of capillarity

1 Scope

This document specifies the test method to determine the capillarity of cylindrical cork stoppers. It consists in measuring the capillary rise by dipping in a hydro-alcoholic solution containing a dye. Two methods using the same procedure but different concentrations of hydro-alcoholic solutions are described.

It is applicable to all types of cylindrical cork stoppers, ready for use.

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ISO 633, Cork — Vocabulary

3 Terms and definitions

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4 Products reagents

4.1 Reference method

Ethanolic solution at 12 % vol., (or more concentrated up to the volumetric % of the beverage to be packaged) prepared with demineralised water and coloured (methylene blue or other suitable colouring agent, at approximately 1 ‰ mass/volume).

4.2 Rapid method

Ethanolic solution at 50 % vol., prepared with demineralised water and coloured (methylene blue or other suitable colouring agent, at approximately 1 % mass/volume).

4.3 Very fast control method

Ethanolic solution at 70 % vol., prepared with demineralised water and coloured (methylene blue or other suitable colouring agent, at approximately 1 % mass/volume).

5 Apparatus

- **5.1 Crystallizer or other container,** which can be closed or covered.
- **5.2 Bell jar or other closure system,** to cover the crystallizer or the other container.