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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 8586:2012), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- the Title has been changed to “Sensory analysis — Selection and training of sensory assessors” (the monitoring was removed as redundant with ISO 11132);
- some text from the Introduction has been moved into [Clause 4](#);
- the Scope has been modified;
- a definition for the term “homogeneous” has been added in [Clause 3](#);
- the process steps and roles of assessors have been clarified and the corresponding [Figure 1](#) revised;
- [Table 4](#) has been added with references to other International Standards;
- the tables and exercises for screening and training have been revised and modified;
- in [Tables 3, 5, 9](#) and [11](#), examples for home and personal care products have been added;
- new annexes have been added with examples of screening and training activities;
- the concept of expert sensory assessors has been included in [8.5](#);
- [Clause 2](#) and the Bibliography have been updated.

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## Introduction

Sensory analysis is a science that is involved with the assessment of the organoleptic attributes of a product by the senses. As such, sensory analysis uses sensory assessors as evaluators of products. This document describes the recruitment, screening and training protocol for sensory assessors.

A sensory analysis sensory panel constitutes a true “measuring instrument”, and consequently the results of the analysis depend on its members.

The recruitment of persons willing to participate in a sensory panel therefore needs to be carried out with care and to be considered as a real investment, both in time and money.

# Sensory analysis — Selection and training of sensory assessors

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies criteria for the selection of and procedures for the training of trained sensory assessors and expert sensory assessors for food and beverages, as well as home and personal care products.

It is applicable to all industries concerned with the evaluation of products by the sense organs.

This document supplements the information given in ISO 6658.

## 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 5492, *Sensory analysis — Vocabulary*

ISO 6658, *Sensory analysis — Methodology — General guidance*

ISO 8589, *Sensory analysis — General guidance for the design of test rooms*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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### 3.1

#### **sensory assessor**

any person taking part in a sensory test

Note 1 to entry: A naive sensory assessor is a person who does not meet any particular criterion.

Note 2 to entry: An initiated sensory assessor has already participated in a sensory test.

### 3.2

#### **screened sensory assessor**

*sensory assessors* (3.1) who have been screened for their sensory abilities

### 3.3

#### **trained sensory assessor**

*sensory assessors* (3.1) who have been trained for a method or methods