

**Rice - Determination of biometric characteristics of
kernels (ISO 11746:2012)**

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Riz - Détermination des caractéristiques biométriques des grains (ISO 11746:2012)

Reis - Bestimmung der biometrischen Eigenschaften des Reiskorns (ISO 11746:2012)

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Rice — Determination of biometric characteristics of kernels

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the biometric characteristics of husked or milled rice kernels.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 7301, *Rice — Specification*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 7301 and the following apply.

3.1

biometric characteristics

length, width and thickness of the kernel measured along the three Cartesian axes

NOTE See Annex A.

4 Principle

Manual selection of kernels and measurement of their biometric characteristics (3.1) with a micrometer.

5 Apparatus

Usual laboratory apparatus and, in particular, the following.

- 5.1 Sample divider**¹⁾, conical sampler or multiple-slot sampler with a distribution system.
- 5.2 Tray**, or equivalent device, coloured in contrast with the colour of the rice to be evaluated.
- 5.3 Tweezers**, of different types (metal, plastic, round tips or pointed, etc.), for easy manipulation of kernels.
- 5.4 Micrometer**, or equivalent device capable of being read to the nearest 0,01 mm and which ensures that no kernel deformation occurs during measurement.

Avoidance of kernel deformation is particularly important for husked rice.

6 Sampling

Sampling is not part of the method specified in this International Standard. A recommended sampling method is given in ISO 24333^[2].

1) Some sample dividers are described in ISO 24333^[2].