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**Oil of patchouli [*Pogostemon cablin*  
(Blanco) Benth.]**

*Huile essentielle de patchouli [*Pogostemon cablin* (Blanco) Benth.]*



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# Oil of patchouli [*Pogostemon cablin* (Blanco) Benth.]

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies certain characteristics of the oil of patchouli [*Pogostemon cablin* (Blanco) Benth.], in order to facilitate assessment of its quality.

## 2 Normative references

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ISO/TR 210, *Essential oils — General rules for packaging, conditioning and storage*

ISO/TR 211, *Essential oils — General rules for labelling and marking of containers*

ISO 212, *Essential oils — Sampling*

ISO 279, *Essential oils — Determination of relative density at 20 °C — Reference method*

ISO 280, *Essential oils — Determination of refractive index*

ISO 592, *Essential oils — Determination of optical rotation*

ISO 709, *Essential oils — Determination of ester value*

ISO 875, *Essential oils — Evaluation of miscibility in ethanol*

ISO 1242, *Essential oils — Determination of acid value*

ISO 11024-1, *Essential oils — General guidance on chromatographic profiles — Part 1: Preparation of chromatographic profiles for presentation in standards*

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

## 3 Term and definition

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following term and definition applies.

### 3.1

#### oil of patchouli

essential oil obtained by steam entrainment of the dried leaves of *Pogostemon cablin* (Blanco) Benth., of the Lamiaceae family

NOTE For information on the CAS number, see ISO/TR 21092.

## 4 Requirements

### 4.1 Appearance

Liquid of variable viscosity.

### 4.2 Colour

Yellow to reddish brown.

### 4.3 Odour

Leafy, humic, clinging.

### 4.4 Relative density at 20 °C, $d_{20}^{20}$

Minimum: 0,952

Maximum: 0,975

### 4.5 Refractive index at 20 °C

Minimum: 1,505 0

Maximum: 1,515 0