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Foreword

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The standard has been developed to address observed needs and to support the local industry in order to make progress through uprising competitiveness and maintain comparative market advantage both domestically and internationally.

In preparing this standard reference has been made to the following documents:

KS 1092, Cardmon powder-Specification

IS: 1907- 1984, Specification for cardamom capsules and seeds.

ISO 882:1980, Specification for cardamons.

SLS 166:1980, Specification for cardamons.

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1. Scope

This Ethiopian standard specifies the requirements for cardmom powder which is belonging to the family Zingiberaceae intended for human consumption.

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.

CES 73: General standard for prepackaged foods - labeling

OIML R87:2004, Quantity of product in prepackages

ES ISO 16050, Foodstuffs — Determination of aflatoxin B₁, and the total content of aflatoxin B₁, B₂, G₁ and G₂ in cereals, nuts and derived products — High performance liquid chromatographic method

CAC/RCP1, Recommended international code of practice—General principles of food hygiene

ES ISO 22000, Food safety management systems—Requirements for any organization in the food Chain.

ES ISO 6571:2001, Spices, condiments and herbs— Determination of volatile oil content

ES ISO 948:2001, Spices and condiments—Sampling

ES ISO 2825:2001, Spices and condiments— Preparation of a ground sample for analysis

ES ISO 927:2001, Spices and condiments— Determination of extraneous matter

ES ISO 928:2001, Spices and condiments— Determination of total ash

ES ISO 939:2001, Spices and condiments – Determination of moisture content—Entertainment method

3. Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this standard the following definitions shall apply.

3.1

cardamom powder

is the product obtained through grinding of clean dry Cardamoms either as whole capsule or separated seeds.

3.2

extraneous matter

any matter contained in an article of food which may be carried from the raw materials, packaging materials or process systems used for its manufacture or which is added to it, but such matter does not render such article of food unsafe.

4. Requirements

4.1 General requirement

4.1.1. The product shall be free from:

4.1.1.1. unpleasant odor and flavors;

4.1.1.2. any foreign colour;

4.1.1.3. rancidity and mustiness;

4.1.1.4. insect and rodent infestation;

4.1.1.5. living and dead insects;

4.1.1.6. mould growth when examined with naked eyes;

4.1.1.7. extraneous and foreign matters;

4.1.1.8. any adulterants.

4.2 Specific requirement

The cardmom powder shall also comply with the requirements given in Table 1.

Table 1. Physical and chemical limits for cardmom powder

S/N	Characteristics	Limit	Test Methods
1.	Moisture, percent by mass, Max	10	ES ISO 939
2.	Total ash, percent by mass, Max	10	ES ISO 928
3.	Acid insoluble ash, percent by mass, Max on dry matter basis	3.0	ES ISO 930
4.	Test for lead bromate	Negative	
5.	Volatile oil content on dry basis, percent by mass, Min.	2.7	ES ISO 6571
6.	Particle size	at least 99 % of the material shall pass through 300-micron sieve	

5. Contaminants

5.1 Heavy Metals

Cardmom powder shall comply with those maximum limits for heavy metal contaminants specified in Codex Stan. 193, and in particular listed in Table 2 below.

Table 2 Heavy metals limits of the product

Characteristics	Limits (mg/kg)	Test Methods
Cadmium (Cd)	1.5	
Lead (Pb)	0.9	ES ISO 6633

5.2 Pesticide residue

The product shall comply with those maximum residue limits established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission for its similar commodity.

5.3 Mycotoxins

The product shall comply with those maximum mycotoxin limits as established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission for food and feed stuffs, in particular total Aflatoxins in this product shall not exceed 10 µg/kg and 5 µg/kg for aflatoxin B1 when tested in accordance with ES ISO 16050.

6. Hygiene

6.1 It is recommended that the products covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be produced, prepared and handled in accordance with the appropriate sections of ES 577, ES 929 and ES ISO 22002-1.

6.2 The product shall be free from pathogenic microorganisms and shall comply with the microbiological limits indicated in Table 3 below.

Table 3 Microbiological limits for cardmom powder

Characteristics	Requirements	Test Methods
Total plate count, cfu/g, Max.	10 ⁵	ES ISO 4833-1 ES ISO 4833-2
Yeasts and molds, cfu/g, Max.	10 ³	ES ISO 21527-1 ES ISO 21527-2
Total Coliform, cfu/g	10	ES ISO 4831
<i>S. aureus</i> , cfu/g	Absent	ES ISO 6888-1 ES ISO 6888-2 ES ISO 6888-3
<i>E. coli</i> , cfu/g	Absent	ES ISO 7251
<i>Salmonella</i> , cfu/25g	Absent	ES ISO 6579-1 ES ISO 6579-2 ES ISO 6579-3

7. Packaging and labeling

7.1 Packaging

- 7.1.1.** The product shall be packed with clean, sound, free from insect and fungal infestation and the packing material shall be of food grade quality and shall be securely sealed.
- 7.1.2.** The product shall be packed in containers which will safeguard the hygienic, nutritional, and organoleptic qualities of the products.
- 7.1.3.** The containers, including packaging material, shall be made of substances which are safe and suitable for their intended use. They shall not impart any toxic substance or undesirable odor or flavor to the product.

7.2 Labelling

The labeling shall comply with the requirements of CES 73, and shall be legibly and indelibly marked with the following:

- name of the product as "**Cardamom seed powder or Cardamom whole powder**";
- name and address of the manufacturer or packer;
- lot or batch number;
- net weight in SI unit;
- producing country;
- date of manufacturing (dd/mm/yy);
- best before date (dd/mm/yy);
- trade name or brand name, if any;
- storage recommendation; and
- instruction for use.

8. Sampling

Samples shall be taken in accordance with ES ISO 948.

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