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Agenda Item

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**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS
Fourth Session
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(21 – 25 January 2019)**

**Secretariat report of ISO/TC34/SC 7
SPICES, CULINARY HERBS AND CONDIMENTS
(Since the 29th meeting)**

1. Scope of SC7

Standardization in the field of spices and culinary herbs including detection of adulterants and contaminants in spices and condiments.

Coordination with the newly constituted Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) for harmonization of ISO and Codex Standards for spices, culinary herbs and condiments

2. About SC7 and contact details

Secretariat: BIS

BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS

Chairperson: Dr. Shanmuga Sundaram until end of 2021

Spices board of India

Secretary: Mr. P. Rajesh

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ISO Technical Programme Manager: Mme Marie-Noëlle Bourquin

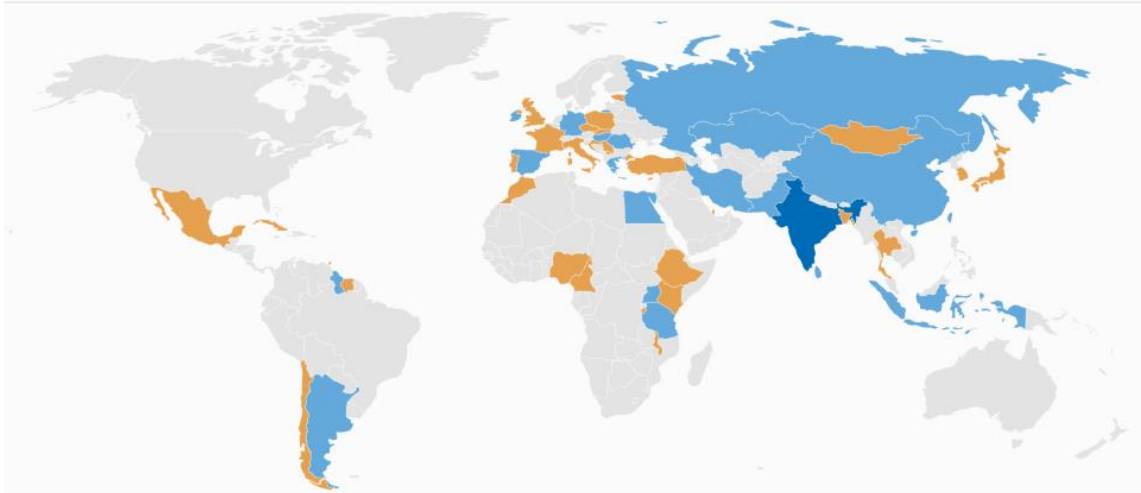
ISO Editorial Programme Manager: Ms Nicola Perou

Creation date: 1981

Membership

ISO/TC 34/SC 7

Spices, culinary herbs and condiments



The number of P-members is 19 and the number of O-members is 33.

3. Structure of SC7

A new working group titled “Test methods” is proposed

4. LIAISON

ISO committees in liaison:

[ISO/TC 54](#)

Liaison Committees from ISO/TC 34/SC 7

ISO/TC 34/SC 7 can access the documents of the committees below:

Organizations in liaison (Category A and B):

[AOAC INTERNATIONAL](#), [CAC](#), [EC](#), [ESA](#), [IFEAT](#), [IGPA](#), [IPC](#), [UNECE](#), [WCO](#)

5. Projects in the committee

Project	Stage	Next Due Action	Date of completion as per agreed time limit	Project Leader
ISO/CD 21983 Guidelines for harvesting, transportation, separation the stigma, drying and storage of saffron before packing	CD	DIS ballot to be launched after the CD ballot ends on 01-03-2019.	International standard to be published by 30-12-2019.	Mrs Anna Alimardani Arasteh
ISO/CD 21803 Dried dill -- Specification	CD	DIS ballot to be launched after the CD ballot ends on 01-02-2019.	International standard to be published by 07-11-2019.	Mrs Farahnaz Moud Ghollasi
ISO/CD 21800 Spices and condiments -- Determination of moisture content	CD	DIS ballot to be launched after the CD ballot ends on 31-01-2019.	International standard to be published by 31-10-2019.	Mr Mariano Rosell Serrano
ISO/CD 7541 Spices and condiments -- Spectrophotometric determination of the extractable colour in paprika	CD	DIS ballot to be launched after the CD ballot ends on 23-01-2019.	International standard to be published by 30-07-2019.	Mr Manuel Jose Garcia Ferreño
ISO/CD 7540 Spices -- Ground sweet and hot paprika (Capsicum annuum L. and Capsicum frutescens L.) -- Specification	CD	DIS ballot to be launched after the CD ballot ends on 29-01-2019.	International standard to be published by 30-07-2019.	Mr Manuel Jose Garcia Ferreño
ISO/NP 24050 Dried Lime (Whole & Ground) --Specification	NP	The project would be registered in the work program based on the approvals received on ballot till 28-03-2019.	Time line will start after registration of the project in work program.	Mrs Anna Alimardani Arasteh
ISO/NP 24052 Dried Sumac -- Specification	NP	The project would be registered in the work program based on the approvals received on ballot till 28-03-2019.	Time line will start after registration of the project in work program.	Ms Bita Vazirzadeh

ISO/TC 34/SC 7 and CCSCH - The Way Forward:

1. The most important liaison organization of ISO/TC 34/SC 7 is the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC). Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) is in B Liaison (Organizations that have indicated a wish to be kept informed of the work of the technical committee or subcommittee) with ISO/TC 34/SC 7.
2. In spite of their main difference, Codex is a governmental and ISO a non-governmental organization, as the field of their activity is the same it is important to avoid overlaps/ duplication, as much as possible. Dialogue & coordination between ISO/TC 34/SC 7 and CCSCH may be enhanced
3. As a way forward it is suggested that the vast resource of ISO/TC 34/SC 7 can be used as references for Codex standards in this area and information on the projects that are developed on both sides may be shared from time to time.
