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Green coffee beans — Specification

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1 Scope

This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for green coffee beans. This standard applies to both Arabica (*Coffea arabica* L.) and Robusta (*Coffea canephora*) coffee.

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 3509, *Coffee and coffee products — Vocabulary*

ISO 4072, *Green coffee in bags — Sampling*

ISO 4149, *Green coffee — Olfactory and visual examination and determination of foreign matter and defects*

ISO 4150, *Green coffee or raw coffee — Size analysis — Manual and machine sieving*

ISO 6667, *Green coffee — Determination of proportion of insect-damaged beans*

ISO 6673, *Green coffee — Determination of loss in mass at 105 degrees C*

ISO 9116, *Green coffee — Guidelines on methods of specification*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 3509 and the following apply.

3.1

green coffee beans

raw coffee beans before any further processing

3.2

arabica coffee

coffee of the botanical species *Coffea arabica* L.

3.3

robusta coffee

coffee of the botanical species *Coffea canephora*

3.4

peaberry

coffee bean of nearly oval form, resulting from the development of the single seed in the fruit

4 Requirements

4.1 General requirements

Green coffee beans shall:

- a) have a characteristic appearance and colour;
- b) be free from foreign odour;
- c) be practically free from extraneous and foreign matter; and
- d) free from infestation due to insects, fungi and rodents.

4.2 Specific requirements

Green coffee beans shall comply with the specific requirements given in Table 1 when tested in accordance with test methods specified therein.

Table 1 — Specific requirements for green coffee beans

S/N	Characteristic	Maximum limit %, m/m	Test method
i.	Moisture content	12.5	ISO 6673
ii.	Insect damage	10	ISO 6667
iii.	Broken beans	5	ISO 4149
iv.	Foreign matter	1	ISO 4149

4.3 Bean sizes

4.3.1 Bean size shall be determined in accordance with ISO 4150 using screen sizes specified in Table 2.

Table 2 — Specifications for round hole screen sizes

S/N	Aperture size mm		Sieve number
	Nominal diameter	Tolerance	
i.	8.35	± 0.09	21
ii.	8.00	± 0.09	20
iii.	7.50	± 0.09	19
iv.	7.10	± 0.09	18
v.	6.70	± 0.08	17
vi.	6.30	± 0.08	16
vii.	6	± 0.08	15
viii.	5.60	± 0.07	14
ix.	5.00	± 0.07	12.5
x.	4.75	± 0.07	12
xi.	4	± 0.06	10
xii.	2.8	± 0.05	7

4.3.2 When determined using slotted sieves given in Table 3, peaberry shall be retained on a screen size of 12 and above.

Table 3 — Specifications for slotted screen sizes

Aperture size mm			Sieve number
Width	Tolerance on width	Length	
±5.60	±0.07	30	14
±5.00	±0.07	30	13
±4.75	±0.07	20	12
±4.50	±0.07	20	11
±4.00	±0.06	20	10
±3.55	±0.06	20	9
±3.00	±0.05	20	8

5 Grading

Grading may be done as per bean size, defects, cup quality or any other parameter in accordance with regulations/laws of the respective Partner States.

6 Pesticide residues

The levels of pesticide residues in green coffee beans shall not exceed the maximum limits established by Codex Alimentarius Commission.

7 Packaging

Green coffee shall be packaged in food grade material that ensures the integrity and safety of the product.

8 Labelling

The lot or consignment of green coffee beans shall be provided with the information as stipulated in ISO 9116 and the bags shall be labelled as follows:

- a) name of the product as "Green coffee beans";
- b) country of origin;
- c) region, state or plantation of origin (if applicable);
- d) year of harvest;
- e) type;
- f) bean size; and
- g) net weight in SI units.

9 Sampling

Except where sampling methods have been specified in specific test methods, sampling of green coffee beans shall be done in accordance with ISO 4072.

Bibliography

EAS 130: 1999, *Green coffee beans – Specification*

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