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FOREWORD

This Sri Lanka Standard was approved by the Sectoral Committee on Food Products and was authorized for adoption and publication as a Sri Lanka Standard by the Council of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution on 2019-08-07.

Clove is one of the important and commonly used ingredients in spicing cuisine, as well as in cosmetics and for medicinal purposes. Clove is extensively used as a flavouring agent in food preparations. The essential oil and flavouring ingredients of clove is present almost entirely in flower buds. However, the spice trade concerns on the importance of the colour and external appearance of the buds.

Sri Lanka Standard on clove was first revised in 1978 and in this second revision, definitions have been revised and new physical and chemical parameters have been introduced to safeguard the consumer while catering the requirements of the trade. In addition, ground clove has been considered.

This Standard is subject to the provisions of the Food Act No. 26 of 1980 and the regulations framed thereunder.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this Standard is complied with the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the results of a test or an analysis shall be rounded off in accordance with **SLS 102**. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value shall be the same as that of the specified value in this Standard.

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| ISO 2254: 2004 | Cloves, whole and ground (powdered) - Specification |
| IS 4404: 2010 | Spices and condiments – Cloves, whole and ground - Specification |

1 SCOPE

This Standard prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for clove *Syzygium aromaticum* L. (synonym: *Eugenia caryophyllus* (Sprengel)) in the forms of whole and ground.

2 REFERENCES

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| SLS | 102 | Rules for rounding off numerical values |
| SLS | 124 | Test sieves |
| SLS | 143 | Code of practice for general principles of food hygiene |
| SLS | 186 | Methods of test for spices and condiments Part 2: Determination of extraneous matter and foreign matter content |