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**SPECIFICATION FOR
OIL OF CEYLON CITRONELLA**
(FIRST REVISION)

Gr.4

SRI LANKA STANDARDS INSTITUTION

1 SCOPE

This specification prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for oil of ceylon citronella.

2 REFERENCES

- CS 102 Presentation of numerical values
- SLS 210 Preparation of test samples of essential oils
- SLS 211 Labelling and marking of containers for essential oils
- SLS 212 Packing of essential oils
- SLS 213 Sampling of essential oils
- SLS 572 Test for essential oils

3 DESCRIPTION

3.1 The oil shall be the product obtained by the steam distillation of *Cymbopogon nardus* (L) Rendle (Sinhala : Lenabatu, Lenabatupengiri) cultivated in Sri Lanka.

NOTE - C. nardus var. confertiflorus (Steud.) Stapf, is the wild form (Sinhala : Mana) and is considered to be the parent form of *C. nardus*.

4 GRADES

There shall be three grades of oil as follows:

- Grade 1 - Estate quality
- Grade 2 - Ordinary quality
- Grade 3 - Common quality

5 REQUIREMENTS

5.1 Physical requirements

5.1.1 Appearance

The oil shall be a clear mobile liquid. It shall be free from sediments or other insoluble matter.

5.1.2 Colour

The oil shall be pale yellow to pale brownish yellow in colour.

5.1.3 Odour

The oil shall have the characteristic odour of oil of Ceylon citronella.