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FOREWORD

This Sri Lanka Standard Code of Practice was prepared by the Drafting Committee of the Bureau on Cut Flowers. It was approved by the Agricultural and Chemicals Divisional Committee of the Bureau of Ceylon Standards and was authorised for adoption and publication by the Council of the Bureau on 1977-05-02.

This Code includes only the common genera of orchids. Exotic multigeneric hybrids of orchids could be incorporated in the Code when more flowers of these types are available.

The Standard values given in this code are in metric units.

1. SCOPE

This Code of Practice recommends requirements to be observed in the harvesting, storing, packaging and transport of orchids.

2. TERMINOLOGY

For the purpose of this standard the following terms shall apply :

- 2.1 **Spike (raceme)** — shall refer to the entire length of the floral axis from the point of cutting to the terminal bud.
- 2.2 **Stalk (peduncle)** — shall refer to the length of the floral axis from the point of cutting to the first flower.

3. GENERA

The following ten genera (including inter-generic hybrids) are dealt with in the standard.

3.1 **Dendrobium** — this genus consists of the following three types :

- (a) Phalaenopsis type (round type, eg. Lady Hamilton)
- (b) Intermediate type (eg. Madame Pompadour × Gouddi Blue)
- (c) Cane type (curly type, eg. Beach Girl)