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FOREWORD

This Sri Lanka Standard was authorized for adoption and publication by the Council of the Bureau of Ceylon Standards on 1981-11-26 after the draft, finalised by the Drafting Committee on Beedi, had been approved by the Agricultural and Food Products Divisional Committee.

In Sri Lanka, beedi tobacco is cultivated in the central and northern districts of the island. It is a small holder's crop, grown in small areas of maximum one hectare. Unfortunately, not much research work has been done to improve the quality and quantity of beedi tobacco.

This specification will help the producer to aim at producing a good quality leaf, while it will help the beedi manufacturer to use only accepted grades in the manufacture of beedi. It will also help to have a uniform grading system.

This specification does not specify any chemical requirements for different grades, as in the manufacture of beedi, a blend of grades will be used. It is a known fact that tobacco grown in the northern part of the island will have a higher chloride content due to soil condition prevalent there.

This specification does not cover requirements for beedi wrapper leaf.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this specification is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test, shall be rounded off in accordance with CS 102. The number of significant figures to be retained in the rounded off value shall be the same as that of the specified value in this specification.

1 SCOPE

This specification prescribes the requirements, methods of sampling and test for sun-cured beedi tobacco.