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Introduction

For many years the tea trade has used various systems for the grading nomenclature of teas according to the sieves used for sorting the teas. However, a designation given in one country does not always have the same meaning in another and it was considered by some countries, in particular tea-producing countries, that a single, international method of classifying tea grades according to their particle size distributions would facilitate international trade.

The method given in this International Standard provides such a system to supplement the existing traditional systems.