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Introduction

Most oilseeds are marketed on the basis of the result of analysis of the samples, and disputes are invariably settled by reference to the samples, so that careless or inaccurate sampling could lead to misunderstanding, delay and unwarranted financial adjustments.

Correct sampling is a difficult process and one that requires the most careful attention. Emphasis cannot therefore be too strongly laid on the necessity of obtaining a representative sample of oilseeds for analysis.

The procedures given in this International Standard are recognized as good practice and it is strongly recommended that they be followed whenever practicable.