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RAW MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

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Title: Cardamom Fruit (ผลกระวาน)

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Definition

: Cardamom fruit consists of the dried, nearly ripe

fruit of Elettaria cardamomum Maton var.

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Description

: Dried ripe fruit; a trilocular inferior capsule, ovoid or oblong, dull green to pale buff, plump or slightly shrunken, obtusely triangular in cross section, nearly smooth or longitudinally striated. Seeds in each loculus in two rows, forming and adherent mass attached to the axile placenta. Seed; pale to dark reddish brown, irregularly angular, mark with 6-8 transverse wrinkles. with a longitudinal channel containing the raphe, each seed enveloped by a colourless membranous aril. Odour, strongly

Foreign matter

: Not more than 1.0% (of the fruit).

Volatile oil

: Not less than 4.0% (of the seed).

Acid-insoluble ash

: Not more than 3.5% (of the seed).

Ash

: Not more than 6.0% (of the seed).

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