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Foreword

This document (EN 15593:2008) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 261 “Packaging”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by September 2008, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 2008.

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Introduction

All manufacturers of food packaging recognize the increasing need to demonstrate and provide adequate evidence of their ability to identify and control hygiene hazards related to their products.

Packaging hygiene is a joint responsibility that is principally assured through the combined efforts of all the parties participating in the chain.

Communication along the food packaging chain is essential to ensure that all relevant packaging hygiene hazards are identified and adequately controlled.

This European Standard is based on the principles of hazard analysis and risk assessment.

This European Standard provides for the definition of the appropriate level of controls and measures for each stage in the manufacturing process.

The most effective food packaging hygiene systems are designed, operated and updated within the framework of a structured management system and incorporated into the overall management activities of the organization. This provides maximum benefit for the organization and interested parties.

This European Standard has taken due consideration of the provisions of the EN ISO 9000 series in order to enhance the compatibility of the two standards.

This European Standard may be applied independently from other management system standards. Its implementation can be aligned or integrated with existing related management system requirements while organizations may utilize existing management system(s) to establish a food packaging hygiene management system that complies with the requirements of this European Standard.

This European Standard is a document describing both management system and hygiene practices for packaging manufacturers considering themselves as an organization within the food chain as described in EN ISO 22000.

This European Standard does not purport to address the compulsory conformity of packaging to food contact regulations.

It is expected that the user of this European Standard has knowledge of applicable food contact regulations.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements for a hygiene management system for manufacturers and suppliers of food packaging including storage and transportation.

This European Standard enables an organization to:

— plan, design, implement, operate, maintain and update a hazard analysis and risk assessment system that ensures the production of food packaging materials conforming with the hygiene requirements;

— demonstrate conformity with agreed customers' hygiene requirements;

— demonstrate the effectiveness of the system;

— help food manufacturers to provide adequate evidence to compliance with food and packaging safety regulations;

— ensure that it complies with its stated hygiene policy;

— demonstrate such compliance to other interested parties;

— seek registration or certification of its food packaging hygiene management system by an external organization.

This European Standard can be applied to all organizations wishing to implement an adequate and effective hygiene management system in the field of food packaging manufacturing including producers and suppliers of materials and services to the packaging manufacturers.

It is intended that this European Standard be applied in conjunction with a quality management system such as EN ISO 9001.

It may be appropriate to apply this European Standard to other articles and items coming into contact with food and to packaging of products other than food.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN ISO 9000:2005, *Quality management systems – Fundamentals and vocabulary (ISO 9000:2005)*

EN ISO 22000:2005, *Food safety management systems – Requirements for any organization in the food chain (ISO 22000:2005)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 9000:2005, EN ISO 22000:2005 and the following apply.

3.1
contaminant
any biological (including microbiological) or chemical agent or foreign matter or other substances not intentionally added which may compromise product safety or suitability

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