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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 20848-3:2006), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- deletion of plug/bung closure system BCS 24 × 4;
- addition of a variation of capseals;
- deletion of figure for material type "Others";
- editorial changes.

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Introduction

Throughout the world, a large number of plastics drum types with different dimensions and characteristics are being used. The differences in types of closures can result in differences in filling and handling.

This document specifies the characteristics and dimensions of closures for plastics drums which are of importance for the worldwide safe handling and transport of substances and for the continued reuse of the drums during their life cycle. Detailed performance requirements and the related test methods are not included as they depend on the specific application.

Where the drums are intended to be used for the transport of dangerous goods, attention is drawn to the regulatory requirements which govern the transport of those goods in the countries concerned, including capseals/overseals fitted in accordance with the certificate. Depending on the mode of transport, this means meeting the requirements of:

- **UN** (United Nations) — Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;
- **ICAO** (International Civil Aviation Organization) — Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air; and
- **IMO** (International Maritime Organization) — International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code.

This involves the certification and marking of the drums according to the regulations.

Packaging — Plastics drums —

Part 3: Plug bung closure systems for plastics drums with a nominal capacity of 113,6 l to 220 l

1 Scope

This document specifies the characteristics and dimensions of plug/bung closure systems for internally threaded openings in plastics drums of nominal capacity 113,6 l to 220 l.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

plug/bung closure system

BCS

system of one or more components which enables an internally threaded container to be filled or emptied and then secured to provide a leakproof seal for subsequent transport or storage

Note 1 to entry: See [Figures A.1](#) to [E.2](#).

3.2

plug/bung

device, provided with an external thread, which closes an opening in a drum

3.3

plug/bung housing

neck

part of the container designed to receive the plug/bung

3.4

gasket

washer

component which, under compression, facilitates a leakproof seal between the *plug/bung* ([3.2](#)) and *plug/bung housing* ([3.3](#))

3.5

gasket sealing faces

areas of the *plug/bung* ([3.2](#)) or *plug/bung housing* ([3.3](#)) designed to be in contact with the *gasket* ([3.4](#)) and make the seal

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