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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 261 "Packaging", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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The European Council and Parliament Directive on Packaging and Packaging Waste (94/62/EC) sets targets and measures to be taken by Member States for the management of packaging and packaging waste and includes a number of definitions. This standard has been prepared to elaborate these definitions and to show how their usage is linked.

To facilitate the understanding of some of the terms, relevant definitions from the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive and the Waste Directive are included in an informative annex.

Introduction

In order to implement the Directive, all those involved in the packaging chain including economic operators, public and local authorities and consumers will be dealing with many terms related to packaging and in particular to used packaging.

Some of the definitions in the Directive are self supporting but some make reference to other Directives. In addition other terms in common use are not defined in the Directive. This standard aims to provide a comprehensive glossary which uses the applicable Directive's definitions providing when appropriate additional notes to make these definitions understandable without reference to other documents.

The standard also contains a scheme showing the linkages between the main terms defined in this standard.

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