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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 146 "Packaging machines - Safety", the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by June 2000, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by June 2000.

This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive(s).

For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this standard.

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Other parts of this standard include:

EN 415 Safety of packaging machines;

Part 1: Terminology and classification of packaging machines and associated equipment;

Part 2: Pre-formed rigid container packaging machines;

Part 4: Palletisers and depalletisers.

0 Introduction

Form, fill and seal machines are used extensively in Europe, in an increasingly wide range of industries. They contain many hazards and have the potential to cause serious injury.

The extent to which hazards are covered is indicated in the scope and clause 4 of this standard. In addition, machines should comply as appropriate with EN 292-1 and EN 292-2 for hazards which are not covered by this standard.

1 Scope

This European Standard establishes safety requirements for form, fill and seal packaging machines and the filling machines which are particularly associated with them. This group of machines is defined in detail in clause 3 of this standard, with diagrams illustrating examples of the principle of operation of each machine type. However briefly, this standard covers the following broad groups of machines:

- horizontal form, fill and seal machines;
- vertical form, fill and seal machines;

- pre-made bag erect fill and seal machines;
- mandrel flexible package or carton form, fill and seal machines;
- carton erect, fill and close machines;
- thermoform, fill and seal machines.

Filling machines commonly fitted to form, fill and seal machines including:

- auger fillers;
- volumetric cup fillers;
- volumetric piston fillers;
- counters;
- gravimetric fillers (weighers).

This standard covers the safety requirements for machine design, construction, installation, commissioning, operation, adjustment, maintenance and cleaning. This part of prEN 415 applies primarily to machines manufactured after the date of issue of this standard.

This standard does not cover in detail the safety or hygiene hazards associated with the products which may be handled on form, fill and seal machines, but does include general advice.

This standard does not cover thermoforming machines. These machines are covered in prEN 12409.

This standard does not cover blow mould, fill and seal machines. The main hazards and safety requirements for these machines are described in EN 422.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN 292-1:1991	Safety of machinery – Basic concepts, general principles for design - Part 1: Basic terminology, methodology
EN 292-2:1991	Safety of machinery – Basic concepts, general principles for design - Part 2: Technical principles and specifications
EN 294:1992	Safety of machinery; Safety distances to prevent danger zones being reached by the upper limbs
EN 349:1993	Safety of Machinery; Minimum gaps to prevent crushing of parts of the human body
EN 415-1:1999	Safety of packaging machines - Part 1: Terminology and classification of packaging machines and associated equipment
EN 418:1992	Safety of machinery; Emergency stop equipment; functional aspects - Principles for design
EN 422:1995	Rubber and plastics machines – Safety - Blow moulding machines intended for the production of hollow articles – Requirements for the design and construction

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