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Foreword

This document (EN 13429:2004) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 261 "Packaging", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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This document supersedes EN 13429:2000.

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

This standard forms one of a series of standards and reports prepared under Mandate M 200 rev.3 and the Second Standardisation Mandate M317 given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association to support the European Council and Parliament Directive on Packaging and Packaging Waste [94/62/EC]. The procedure for applying this standard in conjunction with the other mandated standards and reports is specified in EN 13427.

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Introduction

The Directive on Packaging and Packaging Waste (94/62/EC) defines requirements specific to the reusable nature of packaging. This document identifies and defines overall tests (see 5.2) to demonstrate that a packaging is in compliance with these requirements.

The number of trips or rotations is addressed in prCEN/TR 14520 *Packaging — Reuse — Methods for assessing the performance of a reuse system*.

NOTE The Directive 94/62/EC is amended by European Parliament and Council Directive 2004/12/EC of 11 February 2004.

The European Standard EN 13427 provides a framework within which this and four other standards may be used together to support a claim that a packaging is in compliance with the essential requirements for packaging to be placed on the market as required by the Directive. EN 13429 is one of a series of six standards which address the essential requirements of this directive. EN 13428 addresses quantitative and qualitative minimization. EN 13430, EN 13431 and EN 13432 deal with the requirements specific to recoverable packaging which apply to reusable packaging when it is no longer reused and thus becomes waste.

The titles of the other five parts of this series are:

EN 13427, *Packaging — Requirements for the use of European Standards in the field of packaging and packaging waste*.

EN 13428, *Packaging — Requirements specific to manufacturing and composition — Prevention by source reduction*.

EN 13430, *Packaging — Requirements for packaging recoverable by material recycling*.

EN 13431, *Packaging — Requirements for packaging recoverable in the form of energy recovery, including specification of minimum inferior calorific value*.

EN 13432, *Packaging — Requirements for packaging recoverable through composting and biodegradation — Test scheme and evaluation criteria for the final acceptance of packaging*.

The purpose of packaging is the containment, protection, handling, delivery and presentation of products. A major role is prevention of product damage and/or product waste. In order to save resources and minimise waste, the whole system in which the packaging takes part should be optimised.

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