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Foreword

This document (EN ISO 16101:2004) has been prepared by CEN /TC 261, "Packaging", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR, in collaboration with ISO/TC 122 "Packaging".

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Introduction

This standard was developed to provide requirements and test procedures to meet the compatibility provisions for plastics packagings to contain liquids as set out in:

The European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) (covering most of Europe) [2] and

Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) (covering most of Europe, parts of North Africa and the Middle East) [5].

This procedure is an alternative option to that set out in the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods [1].

Plastics packaging material can be attacked by the chemical contents of the package. Such effects are caused by different mechanisms such as environmental stress cracking (ESC) chemical degradation and swelling.

The UN Recommendations and the associated modal regulations require that all packagings shall be assessed for compatibility with the substances which they are to contain. The UN text makes special reference to plastics packagings for liquids. The procedure therein contains details of testing for six months at ambient temperature with the liquid to be carried. RID/ADR permits as an alternative the use of standard liquids to which this document refers.

The UN Recommendations are given legal entity not only to ADR and RID but also to:

The International Civil Aviation Organisations Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (ICAO Tis) (worldwide) [3] and

The International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) (worldwide) [4].

These two modal rules do not refer to the standard liquid tests but they may still be acceptable as the UN provisions do not make the six month test a mandatory requirement.

The application of this standard will need to take account of the requirements of these international agreements and the relevant national regulations [6] [7] for domestic transport of dangerous goods.

Although not stipulated in the UN Recommendations or the modal regulations, these tests may be applied, where deemed appropriate, to inner packagings of combination packagings. However, for this purpose, the standard liquid tests may not be applicable to all types of plastics materials, since the tests were originally created for high molecular weight high density polyethylene (PE-HD-HMW).

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