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### **Introduction**

The purpose of packaging is the containment, protection, distribution and promotion of products. A major role is prevention of product damage and/or product waste.

This European Standard was developed to test the design of a container and to provide requirements and test procedures to meet recommendations on residual product waste.

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