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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 14887:2005) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 261 “Packaging”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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It is based on CE.T.I.E. (International Technical Centre for Bottling and Packaging) data sheet DT 25 - 03/02.

Efficient packaging is of great importance for the distribution and the protection of goods. Insufficient or inappropriate packaging can lead to damage or wastage of the contents of the pack.

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### 1 Scope

This European Standard gives general requirements for the design of all types of cork removal devices.

### 2 Requirements

**2.1** The cork removal device is envisaged for corks for wine bottles made of cork or synthetic material.

**2.2** No metallic part of the removal device shall contact the inside of the bottle.

NOTE Such contact can scratch and weaken the internal glass surface, and this could cause the bottle neck to break as the cork is being extracted.

**2.3** No metallic part of the removal device shall contact the external surface of the bottle.

NOTE Such contact can damage and weaken the external glass surface, and this could cause the bottle neck to break as the cork is being extracted.

**2.4** Contact surfaces of the removal device shall be made of non-metallic, non-abrasive material such as wood or plastic.

**2.5** The removal device shall have a centring mechanism so that the corkscrew or insertion part of the device enters the centre of the cork vertically.

**2.6** The removal device shall be able to fully extract the cork, without the user having to grip the neck of the bottle more tightly than is necessary to locate and steady the device.

**2.7** Devices using a pumping action or carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) cylinders shall carry a label warning that they should not be used to remove corks from wine bottles, which have a non-circular cross-section or from other types of non-standard wine bottles.

NOTE Such bottles may not be capable of withstanding the internal pressures generated by these devices.

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