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Foreword

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Introduction

All manufacturers of food packaging recognize the increasing need to demonstrate and provide adequate evidence of their ability to identify and control hygiene hazards related to their products.

Packaging hygiene is a joint responsibility that is principally assured through the combined efforts of all the parties participating in the chain.

Communication along the food packaging chain is essential to ensure that all relevant packaging hygiene hazards are identified and adequately controlled.

This European Standard is based on the principles of hazard analysis and risk assessment.

This European Standard provides for the definition of the appropriate level of controls and measures for each stage in the manufacturing process.

The most effective food packaging hygiene systems are designed, operated and updated within the framework of a structured management system and incorporated into the overall management activities of the organization. This provides maximum benefit for the organization and interested parties.

This European Standard has taken due consideration of the provisions of the EN ISO 9000 series in order to enhance the compatibility of the two standards.

This European Standard may be applied independently from other management system standards. Its implementation can be aligned or integrated with existing related management system requirements while organizations may utilize existing management system(s) to establish a food packaging hygiene management system that complies with the requirements of this European Standard.

This European Standard is a document describing both management system and hygiene practices for packaging manufacturers considering themselves as an organization within the food chain as described in EN ISO 22000.

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It is expected that the user of this European Standard has knowledge of applicable food contact regulations.

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