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## **Foreword**

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### **Introduction**

This European Standard defines the requirements for plastic materials to be considered organically recoverable. It provides a framework which can be used to support claims of compostability of plastics. The approach of this European Standard is comparable to that of EN 13432 which defines the requirements for packaging materials.

Organic recovery of used plastic materials is one of several recovery options within the overall life cycle of plastic materials.

This European Standard presents a framework for assessment to determine whether the requirements of this European Standard have been met. Its approach is similar to that of systems standards such as the EN ISO 9000 and EN ISO 14000 series.

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