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#### **Foreword**

This document (EN 14048:2002) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 261 "Packaging", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by June 2003, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by June 2003.

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EN 14048:2002 (E)

#### 1 Scope

This standard specifies a method to evaluate the ultimate biodegradability of packaging materials and its constituents by measurement of  $O_2$ -consumption.

#### 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 13432; Packaging — Requirements for packaging recoverable through composting and biodegradation – Test scheme and evaluation criteria for the final acceptance of packaging.

ISO 14851; Determination of the ultimate aerobic biodegradability of plastic materials in an aqueous medium - Method by measuring the oxygen demand in a closed respirometer.

#### 3 Requirements

Packaging materials or its constituents which are used for the application as packaging or packaging components to be introduced as organically recoverable have to verify its ultimate biodegradability if required, in accordance with EN 13432. If a respirometric method by measurement of the O<sub>2</sub>-consumption has been selected; ISO 14851 shall be used to perform this test.

The named ISO test method - which is defined originally for plastics - shall be applied to all materials or constituents, for which biodegradability testing is being required, in the analogous way as for plastics.

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