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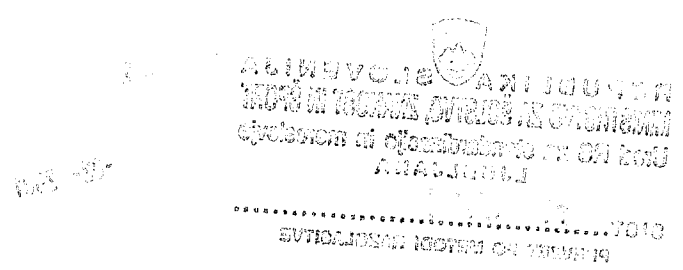
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This standard contains Annex A, which is normative and Annexes B, C and Z, which are informative

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## Introduction

The Directive on Packaging and Packaging Waste (94/62/EC) defines requirements for packaging to be considered recoverable. This standard amplifies these requirements with respect to energy recovery. The European Standard EN 13427:2000 provides a framework within which this and four other standards may be used together to support a claim that a packaging is in compliance with the essential requirements for packaging to be placed on the market as required by the Directive.

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

The purpose of packaging is the containment, protection, handling, delivery and presentation of products. Energy recovery of used packaging is one of several recovery options within the overall life cycle of packaging. In order to save resources and minimise waste, the whole system in which the packaging takes part should be optimised. This includes prevention as well as reuse and recovery of packaging waste.

Since packaging waste used for energy recovery substitutes other fuels, total system optimisation includes production of heat and/or power. This standard defines and specifies the thermodynamic requirements for packaging to allow the incineration with energy recovery of packaging waste. Both packaging and recovery technologies are subject to continuous improvement.

Annex C sets out some of the more significant supporting regulations as well as conclusions reached during the preparation of the text. It is assumed that the heat generated during the incineration process shall be recovered as far as practicable, but it is outside the scope of this standard to take any standpoint on plant efficiency.

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## 1 Scope

The scope of this European Standard is to specify the requirements for a packaging to be energy recoverable and to identify the necessary procedures for a supplier placing packaging on the market to claim conformity with these requirements.

This European Standard specifies the requirements for a packaging to be classified as recoverable in the form of energy and sets out procedures for assessment of conformity with those requirements. The scope is limited to what is under control of the supplier.

The procedure for applying this standard is contained in EN 13427:2000.

## 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.

EN 13193 :2000, *Packaging - Packaging and the Environment - Terminology*.

EN 13427 :2000, *Packaging and the environment - Requirements for the use of European standards in the field of packaging and packaging waste*.

prEN ISO 1716 :1998 *Solid mineral fuels - Determination of gross calorific value by the bomb calorimetric method, and calculation of net calorific value*.

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CR 13695-1 :2000, *Packaging - Requirements for measuring and verifying heavy metals and other dangerous substances present in packaging and their release into the environment - part 1 : Requirements for measuring and verifying the four heavy metals present in packaging and their release into the environment*

ISO 1171:1997, *Solid mineral fuels - Determination of ash content*.

ISO 1928 : 1995 ; *Solid mineral fuels - determination of gross calorific value by the bomb calorimetric method, and calculation of net calorific value*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this standard, relevant terms and definitions contained in EN 13193 :2000 together with the following terms and definitions apply :

### 3.1

**net calorific value (inferior calorific value),  $Q_{\text{net}}$**

defined in ISO 1928:1995 and measured at constant volume

### 3.2

**required energy,  $H_a$**

energy necessary to adiabatically heat the post combustion substances of a material and excess air from ambient temperature to a specified final temperature

### 3.3

**calorific gain**

the positive difference between the energy released on combustion of a material and  $H_a$

### 3.4

**minimum inferior calorific value  $Q_{\text{net, min}}$**

the fraction of the released energy sufficient to heat the post-combustion substances of a material or product from a specified ambient temperature to a specified adiabatic final temperature

## 4 Specification of Minimum Inferior Calorific Value

The minimum inferior calorific value,  $Q_{\text{net,min}}$ , is material specific. It depends on the temperature and other conditions required by the combustion process. In this standard it is identified as  $H_a$  and may be determined by the method described in Annex A.

This Annex specifies minimum inferior calorific value through the technical concept of calorific gain.

## 5 Requirements

- 5.1 The application of this standard to any particular packaging shall be as specified in EN 13427 :2000.
- 5.2 Packaging claimed to be suitable for recovery in the form of energy shall be combustible and capable of providing calorific gain. This shall be determined by the method specified in Annex A (normative).
- 5.3 Where quoted, the net calorific value of packaging claimed to be suitable for energy recovery shall be determined by the method specified in prEN ISO 1716 : 1998 and measured at constant volume.
- 5.4 The ash content, where required for the calculation of  $H_a$ , shall be determined by the method specified in ISO 1171:1997.
- 5.5 The sum of mercury, cadmium, lead and hexavalent chromium in packaging shall be determined by calculation, based on the documentary evidence of composition obtained from the suppliers of the raw materials, or experimentally determined as specified in CR 13695.1:2000.
- 5.6 Claims of conformity with this standard shall be supported by the following records as a minimum :
- composition by main materials with particular reference to whether it may be considered organic or inorganic (see clause 6) ;
  - the calorific gain, when appropriate (see 6.2).

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## 6 Provision of calorific gain

### 6.1 Organic materials

Packaging composed of more than 50 % (by weight) of organic materials, e.g. wood, cardboard, paper and other organic fibres, starch, plastics, provides calorific gain and shall be considered recoverable in the form of energy.

### 6.2 Inorganic materials

6.2.1 Packaging composed of more than 50 % (by weight) of inorganic material, e.g. ceramic, glass, clay, metals, may be declared recoverable in the form of energy when supported by calculation of the calorific gain as specified in Annex A.

6.2.2 Where relevant data is not available, net calorific value and ash content may be experimentally determined, see 5.3 and 5.4.

6.2.3  $H_a$  may be calculated from the declaration of chemical composition obtained from the material supplier.

6.2.4 Thin gauge aluminium foil (typically up to 50  $\mu\text{m}$  thick) shall be considered recoverable in the form of energy.



## Annex A (normative)

### Determination of calorific gain

The determination of calorific gain is based on standard procedures for calculating the adiabatic final temperature in combustion chemistry and thermodynamics.

The net heat of combustion (net calorific value),  $Q_{\text{net}}$ , of a material is the amount of heat released when it burns and when all water remains in the gas phase. In order to be recoverable in the form of energy, packaging shall give a calorific gain in the energy recovery process. For the purpose of this standard, this is assumed to be fulfilled when  $Q_{\text{net}}$  exceeds the amount of required energy,  $H_a$ , to adiabatically raise the temperature of the post-combustion substances (including excess air) from ambient temperature to the specified final temperature. A calorific gain is obtained when equation (1) is fulfilled :

$$Q_{\text{net}} - H_a > 0 \quad (1)$$

The net calorific value of a packaging consisting of different constituents can be calculated according to equation (2) :

$$Q_{\text{net}} = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i Q_{\text{net},i} \quad (2)$$

where

- $Q_{\text{net}}$  = net calorific value of the packaging ;  
 $f_i$  = mass fraction of constituent "i" in the packaging ;  
 $Q_{\text{net},i}$  = net calorific value of constituent "i" in the packaging.

Combustible packaging may contain non-combustible materials of inert or reactive nature, that may have a negative effect on calorific gain.

The minimum inferior calorific value specified as  $H_a$  can be determined by application of equations (3) and (4) :

$$Q_{\text{net},\text{min}} \equiv H_a = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i H_{a,i} \quad (3)$$

where

- $H_a$  = energy required to heat adiabatically combustion products, residues and excess air from  $T_0$  to  $T_a$  ;  
 $H_{a,i}$  = energy required to heat adiabatically combustion products, residues and excess air from  $T_0$  to  $T_a$  of constituent "i" of the packaging.

$$H_{a,i} = \sum_{j=1}^m g_j C_{pj} (T_a - T_0) \quad (4)$$

where

- $g_j$  = ratio of combustion products and residues (flue gas and ashes) and excess air (j) resulting from the amount of constituent "i" in the packaging ;  
 $C_{pj}$  = specific heat capacity of post combustion product "j" at constant pressure ;