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### Foreword

This European standard was drawn up by CEN Technical Committee CEN/TC 120 "Sacks for the transport of food aid", the secretariat of which is held by NNI.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the general characteristics, requirements and methods of test for sacks made of lined cotton fabric.

This European Standard is applicable to sacks made of lined cotton fabric, having a filling mass up to 50 kg, intended for the transport of food aid.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated and 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 765:1994	Sacks for the transport of food aid - Sacks made of woven polyolefin fabric other than polypropylene only
prEN 1086:1993	Sacks for the transport of food aid - Recommendations on the selection of type of sack and the liner in relation to the product to be packed
EN 22206:1992	Packaging - Complete, filled transport packages - Identification of parts when testing (ISO 2206:1987)
EN 22233:1992	Packaging - Complete, filled transport packages - Conditioning for testing (ISO 2233:1986)
EN 26590-1:1992	Packaging - Sacks - Vocabulary and types - Part 1: Paper sacks (ISO 6590-1:1983)
EN 26590-2:1992	Packaging - Sacks - Vocabulary and types - Part 2: Sacks made from thermoplastic flexible film (ISO 6590-2:1986)
EN 26591-2:1992	Packaging - Sacks - Description and method of measurement - Part 2: Empty sacks made from thermoplastic flexible film (ISO 6591-2:1985)
EN 27023:1992	Packaging - Sacks - Method of sampling empty sacks for testing (ISO 7023:1983)
EN 27965-1:1992	Packaging - Sacks - Drop test - Part 1: Paper sacks (ISO 7965-1:1984)
ISO 3676:1983	Packaging - Unit load sizes - Dimensions

## 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply:

NOTE: Other terms used in the manufacture of sacks are defined in EN 26590-1 for paper sacks and in EN 26590-2 for sacks made of thermoplastic flexible film. Most of these terms can also be applied to sacks made of lined cotton fabric.

### 3.1 Lined cotton sack

A container made of cotton fabric, closed at least at one end, in combination with other flexible materials used for the liner, to provide the properties required for filling and the goods distribution chain.

NOTE: Hereafter where the word "sack" is used in the text of this European Standard, a sack made of lined cotton fabric is to be understood.

### 3.2 Ply

A tissue of cotton fabric, forming the outside walls of the sack or another material forming the inside walls of the sack.

### 3.3 Gusset

A fold inserted in the longitudinal edge of a sack.

## 4 General characteristics

### 4.1 Construction

4.1.1 The sack shall be made of cotton fabric.

4.1.2 The sack shall be made of one ply or more plies and shall be equipped with a liner in accordance with prEN 1086.

4.1.3 The sack may be flat or gusseted.

4.1.4 The empty sack, laid flat, shall have a rectangular shape.

4.1.5 The closure of the filled sack shall be designed to prevent leakage of the product during transport.

4.1.6 Materials other than natural materials used in the manufacture and closure of the sack (inner liner excluded) shall have a UV-resistance in accordance with 5.7.3 of EN 765:1994. These materials can be tested in the construction in which they are used in the sack.

### 4.2 Dimensions

4.2.1 The dimensions of the empty sack shall be chosen so that, if necessary, after filling the dimensions of the filled sack comply with the dimensions of the unit load as specified in ISO 3676.

4.2.2 The dimensional tolerances of the sack should be agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier.

4.2.3 The dimensions and the dimensional tolerances of the sack shall be recorded in the ordering documents.

4.2.4 The description of the dimensions, the method of measuring the dimensions and the dimensional designation of the sack shall be in accordance with EN 26591-2.

NOTE: Though EN 26591-2 is valid for sacks made of thermoplastic flexible film it can be applied to sacks made of cotton fabric. However for some forms of sacks made of polyolefine fabric EN 26591-2 cannot be applied. A third part of ISO 6591 will be prepared by ISO/TC122/SC2 "Packaging - Sacks". This third part will deal with sacks made of woven fabric.

#### 4.3 Food compatibility

Sacks which come in contact with foodstuffs shall meet the legal requirements of the CEN member states which are applicable to them.

### 5 Test methods and test requirements

#### 5.1 Sampling

5.1.1 The sampling shall be done in accordance with EN 27023.

NOTE: Table 1 of EN 27023:1992 refers to the selection of units. Table 2 of EN 27023:1992 refers to the selection of sacks out of each selected unit.

5.1.2 The sampling shall be done on the date the empty sacks are ready for dispatch by the supplier.

5.1.3 If resampling is necessary it shall be done in accordance with EN 27023.

If, as a result of an accident during sampling or testing, resampling is necessary, a new sample shall be taken following the procedure specified in EN 27023. Selection may then, however, be made from the same units as before unless agreed otherwise.

If, for any other reason, resampling is necessary, the procedure followed shall agreed the specification of EN 27023 as closely as possible.

#### 5.2 Conditioning

5.2.1 Before testing all samples shall be conditioned in accordance with EN 22233:1992 condition G (temperature  $+ 23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , relative humidity  $50\% \pm 5\%$ ).

5.2.2 The minimum period of conditioning of the samples shall be not less than 8 h.

5.2.3 The various tests as described shall be carried out in the same atmospheric conditions as used for conditioning, see 5.2.1, or, if not possible, the tests shall commence within 10 min after removing the samples from the conditioning atmosphere.

#### 5.3 Surface identification

If necessary the identification of the various surfaces of the filled sacks when when testing shall be as given in EN 22206.



#### 5.4 Date of completion of the tests

All tests shall be completed within four weeks after the date the empty sacks are ready for dispatch by the supplier.

#### 5.5 Drop test

##### 5.5.1 Test method

The drop test shall be carried out in accordance with EN 27965-1:1992 using the constant drop height method.

##### 5.5.2 Filling of the sacks

The sacks shall be filled with the intended commodity or, if this is not possible, with similar material, taking into account type and size of granules etc., to give the same degree of filling. The mass of the filling material shall be within  $\pm 0,2 \%$  of that of the nominal mass of the intended contents of the sack.

##### 5.5.3 Test procedure

###### 5.5.3.1 Drop test sequence

The drop test shall be carried out on three sacks and shall comprise the following sequence:

- a) butt dropping;
- b) flat dropping.

###### 5.5.3.2 Butt dropping

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The sack shall be dropped from a height of 1,20 m on the bottom of the sack.

###### 5.5.3.3 Flat dropping

The sack shall be dropped from a height of 1,60 m, twice on one flat face and twice on the opposite flat face.

##### 5.5.4 Criteria for passing the drop test

After each drop there shall be no rupture or loss of contents.

A slight discharge e.g. from closures or stitch holes, upon impact shall not be considered a failure of the sack provided that no further leakage occurs after the sack has been raised clear of the ground.

## 6 Marking

The marking of the sack with the supplier identification is voluntary.