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Embalaža - Embalaža, varna za otroke - Zahteve in preskusni postopki za embalažo, ki je ni mogoče večkrat zapreti in ni za farmacevtske proizvode

Packaging - Child-resistant packaging - Requirements and testing procedures for non-reclosable packages for non-pharmaceutical products

Verpackung - Kindergesicherte Verpackung - Anforderungen und Prüfverfahren für nichtwiederverschließbare Verpackungen für nichtpharmazeutische Produkte

Emballages - Emballage à l'épreuve des enfants - Exigences et méthodes d'essai pour emballages non refermables pour les produits non pharmaceutiques

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#### **European foreword**

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#### Introduction

Child-resistant packaging is used to create a physical barrier between a child and a potentially hazardous product. Various types of packaging are recognized as being child-resistant, based on performance testing against standards for specific product categories and packaging types.

Since this type of packaging was introduced, the incidence of accidental ingestion of potentially hazardous products by children under 5 years old has fallen. The degree to which this is due to the use of child-resistant packaging as opposed to other factors, such as greater public awareness of the hazards, is not easily assessed, but there is little doubt that this packaging has made a positive contribution to the reduction.

The use of child-resistant packaging needs to be confined to those products that are potentially hazardous, or for which any legislation makes its use mandatory, since, if used in other circumstances, there could be confusion over the degree of hazard posed by the product.

In any case, proper labelling and information by the manufacturer is important for the safe use of the product in the home.

Child-resistant packaging acts as the last line of defence if other barriers separating the child and hazardous product have failed. However, it has to be recognized that it is unrealistic to expect that any functional packaging can be totally impossible for a child of 42 to 51 months inclusive to open and that child-resistant packaging cannot be a substitute for other safety precautions.

There has been an increasing use of child-resistant packaging, therefore it is desirable to achieve agreement on testing procedures in order to avoid confusion and misunderstanding in an area of great importance to the safety of young children.

This European Standard aims to reduce the number of children "exposed to training" during panel testing. Since the introduction of performance testing, much has been learned about the use of children for testing child-resistant packaging and attention has been focused on how the number of children involved may be reduced. Future development of standards based on mechanical test methods is required to avoid unnecessary child panel testing and is essential in developing physical package attributes useable by manufacturers.

Child-resistant packaging is only the last in a series of protective measures, and does not release parents or guardians from their duty to keep potentially dangerous products out of the reach of children.

The on-going development of non-reclosable packaging offers a significant area for innovation in packaging. The styles of non-reclosable packages can be wide-ranging in design.

Mechanical test methods may be used to generate test data for comparison and demonstration that the notified packaging is as safe as the original reference one. Mechanical tests are test methods generating data by destructive or non destructive tests of a specific reference package having shown child-resistant properties. Consequently, the development of mechanical test methods by manufacturers allied to current EN or national standards should be pursued as a means of reducing the reliance on child panel testing.