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Introduction

In 2013, six standards—{,_ISO 18601 to 18606}, and two Technical Reports—{technical reports._ISO/TR 16218 and ISO/TR 17098}, were issued as international standards ISO deliverables on packaging and the environment—{hereinafter collectively referred to as the standards on packaging and the environment}. Thereafter, national standards corresponding to the six standards ISO 18601 to ISO 18606, which are the main and important part of the deliverables, hereinafter collectively referred to as the standards on packaging and the environment, were issued in some countries, while, in Europe, European standards (EN for European Norm) whichStandards (EN) served as the basis for establishing the packaging and environment standards. Under these circumstances, the standards on packaging and the environment are expected to work as international standards to be used globally.

The environmentally conscious <u>packaging</u> design principles laid in the standards on packaging and the environment require environmental consideration while ensuring the inherent packaging functions be maintained. For example, if the packaging reduction principle were sought excessively, it will not be possible to maintain the basic packaging function of protecting the packaged product. This would rather result in more serious burden to be inflicted on the environment.

The aim of this document is to support stakeholders in pursuing their efforts for environmentally conscious <u>packaging</u> design and manufacture of packaging based on the standards on packaging and the environment, and increased understanding and promotion of such design principles. Specifically, with ISO 18602, it will explain these factors clearly, using real examples. You can see the layout of this document in <u>Figure 1</u>.

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