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This European Standard supersedes EN 272:1989.

The significant technical differences are the following :

- addition of reduced size of symbol.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by April 1998, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 1998.

According to the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, the national standards organizations of the following countries are bound to implement this European Standard: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

0 Introduction

When blind and visually handicapped persons handle a package, it is difficult or impossible for them to ascertain whether it contains harmless or dangerous substances or preparations.

This problem may be solved by :

- providing packages which contain dangerous substances or preparations, with a tactile warning of danger in accordance with this standard ;

- teaching blind and visually handicapped persons the meaning and the positioning of the tactile warning of danger on the package.

This standard specifies a tactile warning which in its form is normally a raised equilateral triangle, reduced to 3 raised dots where there is not enough space on the package for the triangle.

For blind and visually handicapped persons, the tactile warning of danger is simple in its presentation, is as consistant as possible in its location, makes the teaching and learning process easy and provides a guarantee of recognition.