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# Materials and articles in contact with foodstuffs — Cutlery and table holloware —

## Part 1:

Requirements for cutlery for the preparation of food

Matériaux et objets en contact avec les denrées alimentaires — Coutellerie et orfèvrerie de table —

Partie 1: Exigences relatives à la coutellerie utilisée pour la préparation des denrées alimentaires



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- Part 1: Requirements for cutlery for the preparation of food
- Part 2: Requirements for stainless steel and silver-plated cutlery
- Part 3: Requirements for silver-plated table and decorative holloware
- Part 4: Requirements for gold-plated cutlery

Further parts are proposed with the following titles:

- Part 5: Specific cutting test
- Part 6: Lacquered lightly silver-plated table and decorative holloware

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- Part 8: Specification for silver table and decorative holloware

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#### Introduction

This standard, based on draft ISO/TC 186 documents N 53 and N 54, does not cover those features of cutlery which are matters of choice for the user, such as the shape and size of knife or spatula blades.

It is the intention that requirements for blade sharpness and edge retention are incorporated in this standard at a later date if reliable test methods are established for these properties.

No meaningful test for the resistance of knives to fracture in use could be developed for the standard, but it is considered that this can be partially assessed from the appearance of cracks in the initial visual inspection, in the resistance to dropping requirements, the strength test requirements or in the corrosion test requirements.

Attention is drawn to Directives of the European Community concerning materials and articles in contact with food, in particular to Directives EC 77/99 and EC 89/109.