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foodstuffs — Cutlery and table holloware —  
Part 4:  
Requirements for gold-plated cutlery**

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

*Partie 4: Exigences relatives à la coutellerie et aux couverts dorés*



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## Foreword

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ISO 8442 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Materials and articles in contact with foodstuffs — Cutlery and table holloware*:

- *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 7: Specification for table cutlery made of precious metals and their alloys, especially silver cutlery*

— *Part 8: Specification for silver table and decorative holloware*

Annexes A to E form an integral part of this part of ISO 8442. Annex F is for information only.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by June 1998, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by June 1998.

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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, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

## Introduction

This Standard does not cover those features of cutlery which are matter of personal choice for the user: such as the design, size, type of finish, blade flexibility or similar characteristics which can be readily identified by the purchaser at the point of sale.

Attention is drawn to Directives of the European Community concerning materials and articles in contact with food, in particular to Directives EC 89/109 and EC 90/128.

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