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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Subcommittee HE-001-08, Packaging Systems and Devices—Child-resistant—Chemicals, under the responsibility of Committee HE-001, Medical, Diagnostic and Surgical Products, as a revision of AS 1928—1982, *Child-resistant packaging*.

The objective of this Standard is to set particular requirements for packages, containing chemicals, that will be resistant to opening by children.

This Standard differs from the 1982 edition in the following respects:

(a) The adult panel has been extended to include a broader age range.

(b) The range of closures of packaging systems in Appendix D has been varied.

(c) The sequential test strategy has been modified for both children and adults testing panels.

(d) Consideration has been given to other forms of non-reclosable packages (see Section 3 and Appendix E).

In the preparation of this Standard, account was taken of the *Code of Federal Regulations, Subchapter E—Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 Regulations*, BS EN 862:1997, *Packaging—Child-resistant packaging—Requirements and testing procedures for non-reclosable packages for non-pharmaceutical products*, and ISO 8317:1989, *Child-resistant packaging—Requirements and testing procedures for reclosable packages*. The Standard differs from ISO 8317:1989 in the following aspects:

(a) A distinction in the categories of reclosable and non-access packages has been made.

(b) Requirements for non-reclosable packages are specified.

(c) Appendix D reflects the local experience with extrapolating results from type testing to evaluation of similar reclosable packages.

In a future edition of the Standard, consideration may be given in Appendix B to an instruction that children may use their teeth to open packages if new evidence is forthcoming.

The terms ‘normative’ and ‘informative’ have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A ‘normative’ appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an ‘informative’ appendix is only for information and guidance.

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