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COMMERCIALLY DRY VIRGIN CORK, RAMASSAGE,
GLEANINGS, CORKWOOD REFUSE AND CORKWASTE

DEFINITIONS AND PACKAGING

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BRIEF HISTORY

The ISO Recommendation R 1215, *Commercially dry virgin cork, ramassage, gleanings, corkwood refuse and cork-waste – Definitions and packaging*, was drawn up by Technical Committee ISO/TC 87, *Cork*, the Secretariat of which is held by the Repartição de Normalização (IGPAI).

Work on this question led to the adoption of Draft ISO Recommendation No. 1082 which was circulated to all the ISO Member Bodies for enquiry in December 1966. It was approved, subject to a few modifications of an editorial nature, by the following Member Bodies :

Argentina	Iran	Portugal
Australia	Israel	Spain
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Chile	Japan	United Kingdom
Greece	Netherlands	Yugoslavia
Hungary	Poland	

The following Member Body opposed the approval of the Draft :

France

This Draft ISO Recommendation was then submitted by correspondence to the ISO Council, which decided, in April 1970, to accept it as an ISO RECOMMENDATION.

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INTRODUCTION

The mass of cork varies continually with its surroundings and the atmospheric conditions, as it also does with processing and packaging operations and conditions of storage. It is therefore necessary to fix a level for moisture content at which the cork may be classified as commercially dry.

1. SCOPE

This ISO Recommendation defines commercially dry virgin cork, ramassage, gleanings, corkwood refuse and corkwaste, and specifies their packaging.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 *Commercially dry virgin cork, ramassage, gleanings, corkwood refuse and corkwaste.* Virgin cork, ramassage, gleanings, corkwood refuse and corkwaste are termed commercially dry if their humidity, determined by heating in an oven at a temperature of 103 ± 2 °C until constant mass is reached and expressed as a proportion of the initial mass, is equal to the following values :

Virgin cork (2.1*)	13 %
Ramassage (2.3*)	18 %
Gleanings (2.4*)	18 %
Corkwood refuse (3.3*)	15 %
Common corkwaste (3.4.1*)	14 %
Backs (3.4.2*)	17 %
Debacked waste (3.4.3*)	13 %
Bellies (3.4.4*)	15 %
Fine waste (3.4.5*)	12 %

- 2.2 *Net mass of bales.* The mass of the commercially dry cork and its packaging.

* Clause reference to term in ISO Recommendation R 633, *Cork — Glossary*.