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Foreword

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Introduction

This International Standard has been developed to meet various national and regional requirements for Braille on packaging for medicinal products, and technical constraints and user requirements, to harmonize technical standardization and specifications. The knowledge and experience that has been gained in EN 15823:2010 was used for the development of this International Standard.

The background for the creation of an European Standard for Braille on packaging for medicinal products (EN 15823) was a European Directive issued in 2004 by the European Commission (Council Directive 2004/27/EC). This Directive requires Braille labelling on outer packaging for medicinal products within the European Union. In practice it means that basically the name of the medicinal product and, where required, the form and strength has to be in Braille as an aid to identification for blind and partially sighted people.

Braille will continue to be an essential means of communication for blind and visually impaired people around the world. Once other accessible packaging technologies emerge additional standards may be created to complement this International Standard.

