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FOREWORD

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition, published in 1996, and its Amendment 1 (2000). This edition constitutes a technical revision and has been aligned or harmonized with IEC 60601-1:2005.

The main changes with respect to the previous edition include:

a) alignment of requirements with IEC 60601-1:2005;
b) inclusion of essential performance requirements;
c) the inclusion of energized endoscopes and energized endotherapy devices used through second and subsequent punctures within the scope of the standard;
d) reference to IEC 60601-2-2 for the dielectric strength testing of HF energized endotherapy devices, rather than defining different tests.

The text of this particular standard is based on the following documents:

Enquiry draft	Report on voting
62D/682/CDV	62D/743/RVC

Full information on the voting for the approval of this particular standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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– *Test specifications: italic type.*

– Informative material appearing outside of tables, such as notes, examples and references: in smaller type. Normative text of tables is also in a smaller type.

– TERMS DEFINED IN CLAUSE 3 OF THE GENERAL STANDARD, IN THIS PARTICULAR STANDARD OR AS NOTED: SMALL CAPITALS.

In referring to the structure of this standard, the term

– “clause” means one of the seventeen numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 7 includes subclauses 7.1, 7.2, etc.);

– “subclause” means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g. 7.1, 7.2 and 7.2.1 are all subclauses of Clause 7).

References to clauses within this standard are preceded by the term “Clause” followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this collateral standard are by number only.

In this standard, the conjunctive “or” is used as an “inclusive or” so a statement is true if any combination of the conditions is true.

The verbal forms used in this standard conform to usage described in Annex H of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. For the purposes of this standard, the auxiliary verb:

– “shall” means that compliance with a requirement or a test is mandatory for compliance with this standard;

– “should” means that compliance with a requirement or a test is recommended but is not mandatory for compliance with this standard;

– “may” is used to describe a permissible way to achieve compliance with a requirement or test.

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INTRODUCTION

The minimum safety requirements specified in this particular standard are considered to provide for a practical degree of safety in the operation of endoscopic equipment.

This particular standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1 (third edition, 2005): *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*, hereinafter referred to as 'the general standard'.

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard[1)] applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 * Scope

Replacement:

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ENDOSCOPIC EQUIPMENT together with its INTERCONNECTION CONDITIONS and INTERFACE CONDITIONS.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for ENDOSCOPIC EQUIPMENT [as defined in 201.3.204].

NOTE This object includes endoscopic intense light source equipment which is part of the ENDOSCOPIC EQUIPMENT including its supply unit, therefore IEC 60601-2-57 does not apply.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

This particular standard refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in Clause 2 of the general standard and Clause 201.2 of this particular standard.

IEC 60601-1-2 applies as modified in Clause 202. IEC 60601-1-3 does not apply. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series apply as published.

201.1.4 Particular standards

Replacement:

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in the general standard and collateral standards as appropriate for the particular ME EQUIPMENT under consideration, and may add other BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements.

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over the general standard.

For brevity, IEC 60601-1 is referred to in this particular standard as the general standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document number.

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1) The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance.*

The numbering of clauses and subclauses of this particular standard corresponds to that of the general standard with the prefix “201” (e.g. 201.1 in this standard addresses the content of Clause 1 of the general standard) or applicable collateral standard with the prefix “20x” where x is the final digit(s) of the collateral standard document number (e.g. 202.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 203.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-3 collateral standard, etc.). The changes to the text of the general standard are specified by the use of the following words:

"Replacement" means that the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard is replaced completely by the text of this particular standard.

"Addition" means that the text of this particular standard is additional to the requirements of the general standard or applicable collateral standard.

"Amendment" means that the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard is amended as indicated by the text of this particular standard.

Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of the general standard are numbered starting from 201.101. However due to the fact that definitions in the general standard are numbered 3.1 through 3.139, additional definitions in this standard are numbered beginning from 201.3.201. Additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc., and additional items aa), bb), etc.

Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of a collateral standard are numbered starting from 20x, where “x” is the number of the collateral standard, e.g. 202 for IEC 60601-1-2, 203 for IEC 60601-1-3, etc.

The term "this standard" is used to make reference to the general standard, any applicable collateral standards and this particular standard taken together.

Where there is no corresponding clause or subclause in this particular standard, the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard, although possibly not relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of the general standard or applicable collateral standard, although possibly relevant, is not to be applied, a statement to that effect is given in this particular standard.

201.2 Normative references

Clause 2 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

Amendment:

IEC 60601-1-2:2007, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Electromagnetic compatibility – Requirements and tests*

Addition:

IEC 60601-2-2:2009, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-2: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of high frequency surgical equipment and high frequency surgical accessories*

IEC 60601-2-37, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-37: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of ultrasonic medical diagnostic and monitoring equipment*

ISO 8600-1, *Optics and photonics – Medical endoscopes and endotherapy devices – Part 1: General requirements*

201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1:2005 apply, except as follows:

NOTE An index of defined terms is found beginning on page 45.

Addition:

201.3.201
*** CAPACITIVELY COUPLED HF CURRENT**
unavoidable HIGH FREQUENCY current flowing due to capacitive coupling from an ENERGIZED ENDOTHERAPY DEVICE that is the APPLIED PART of HF SURGICAL EQUIPMENT to the ENDOSCOPE

201.3.202
*** CONFIGURATION FOR ENDOSCOPIC APPLICATION**
combination of ENDOSCOPIC EQUIPMENT by means of INTERFACE CONDITIONS and/or INTERCONNECTION CONDITIONS with one or more of the following:

– ENERGIZED ENDOTHERAPY DEVICE(S)

– MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

– non-MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

– MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

NOTE Not all of the items in the CONFIGURATION FOR ENDOSCOPIC APPLICATION are included in the scope of this particular standard. See Figure AA.101 in Annex AA for a diagrammatic explanation.

201.3.203
ENDOSCOPE
medical instrument having viewing means, with or without optics, introduced into a body cavity through a natural or surgically created body opening for examination, diagnosis or therapy

[ISO 8600-1, definition 3.1]

NOTE 1 ENDOSCOPES may be of rigid, flexible or capsule type, each of which may have different image pick-up systems (e.g. via lenses or electronic/ultrasonic sensors) and different image transmission systems (e.g. optical (via lenses or fiber bundles), or electrical/electronic).

NOTE 2 NOTE 1 differs from NOTE 1 of definition 3.1 in ISO 8600-1 in order to include 'capsule' endoscopes.

201.3.204
ENDOSCOPIC EQUIPMENT
an ENERGIZED ENDOSCOPE together with its SUPPLY UNIT(s), as required for its INTENDED USE

201.3.205
ENDOTHERAPY DEVICE
medical device intended to be inserted into a natural or surgically created body opening during endoscopic procedures, whether through the same or a different orifice from the ENDOSCOPE, for examination, diagnosis or therapy

NOTE ENDOTHERAPY DEVICES include the instrument through which an ENDOSCOPE or ENDOTHERAPY DEVICE is inserted, such as a guide tube, trocar tube or sliding tube, etc. ENDOTHERAPY DEVICES include the devices to be inserted through openings other than the opening for an ENDOSCOPE, to ensure the safety of the devices for the intended use under the endoscopic view.

[ISO 8600-1, definition 3.2]