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Spetsiaalsüsteemid kasutamiseks niiske kuumusega  
steriliseerivates sterilisaatorites**

Sterilization of health care products - Biological indicators -  
Part 3: Biological indicators for moist heat sterilization  
processes

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## Foreword

The text of ISO 11138-3:2006 has been prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 198 "Sterilization of health care products" of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and has been taken over as EN ISO 11138-3:2009 by Technical Committee CEN/TC 102 "Sterilizers for medical purposes" the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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For relationship with EC Directive, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

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## Annex ZA (informative)

### Relationship between this European Standard and the Essential Requirements of EU Directive 93/42/EEC

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**Table ZA – Correspondence between this European Standard and Directive 93/42/EEC on medical devices**

Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Essential Requirements (ERs) of Directive 93/42/EEC	Qualifying remarks/Notes
4	5, 13	The requirements of ISO 11138-1 apply
5.1	7.2, 7.3	
7	7.3	
9	10.1	

**WARNING** – Other requirements and other EU-directives may be applicable to the product(s) falling within the scope of the standard."

## Introduction

ISO 11138-1 specifies production, labelling, test methods and performance requirements for the manufacture of biological indicators including inoculated carriers and suspensions intended for use in validation and monitoring of sterilization processes. This part of ISO 11138 gives specific requirements for those biological indicators intended for use in moist heat sterilization processes.

The intent of providing requirements in the ISO 11138 series of International Standards is to provide general requirements and requirements for test methods. This series of International Standards represents the current “state-of-the-art” according to the experts representing manufacturers, users and regulatory authorities involved in developing the standard. The intent is not to promote the use of biological indicators where such use is not advised, but to provide common requirements for the production of those biological indicators known to be in use today.

Standards exist providing requirements for the validation and control of moist heat sterilization (see ISO 17665).

**NOTE** Some countries or regions may have published standards covering requirements for sterilization or biological indicators.

Advice on selection, use and interpretation of results when using biological indicators can be found in ISO 14161.

# Sterilization of health care products — Biological indicators —

## Part 3:

## Biological indicators for moist heat sterilization processes

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 11138 provides specific requirements for test organisms, suspensions, inoculated carriers, biological indicators and test methods intended for use in assessing the performance of sterilization processes employing moist heat as the sterilizing agent.

Moist heat as the sterilizing agent is defined in this part of ISO 11138 as dry saturated steam. While air-steam mixtures may be used in moist heat sterilization processes, the methods and performance requirements of this part of ISO 11138 might not be applicable for biological indicators used in such processes.

NOTE 1 Requirements for validation and control of moist heat sterilization processes are provided by ISO 17665.

NOTE 2 National or regional regulations may provide requirements for work place safety.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 11138-1:2006, *Sterilization of health care products — Biological indicators — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 18472, *Sterilization of health care products — Biological and chemical indicators — Test equipment*