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EN 13718-2:2008 has been technically revised. The following points represent the most important changes in the revision:

- a) clarified unclear issues in this part of the standard and between the two parts of the standard (for example requirements for patient's compartment illumination);
- b) changed text related to enhancing safety related to the risk from rotors on helicopters;
- c) clarified the requirements for the patient compartment;
- d) the standard has been modified/integrated to meet the Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC requirements.

EN 13718 consists of the following parts, under the general title: *Medical vehicles and their equipment – Air ambulance*:

- *Part 1: Requirements for medical devices used in air ambulances;*
- *Part 2: Operational and technical requirements for air ambulances.*

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Introduction

This part of EN 13718 provides requirements for air ambulances, and in particular covers requirements for the ambulance role of the aircraft.

Air ambulances are equipped with medical devices as well as drugs and rescue equipment to be used by medical personnel. Requirements for medical devices intended for use in air ambulances are provided in EN 13718-1. This standard is supplementary to several European Standards as well as laws and regulations providing the requirements for aircraft in order to provide continuous patient care and monitoring during transport in and between various ambulance types and hospitals. The requirements cover ambulance flights in general. Several national and regional rules and regulations apply to aircraft being used as ambulances. This part of EN 13718 gives information on these in the annexes and in notes throughout the text. Provisions for the safety and care both of the patient as well as of the crew and the medical personnel are contained in existing national and international laws, regulations and guidelines.

This part of EN 13718 provides some general requirements for the safe operation of aircraft being used as ambulances. These requirements are not covered by the scope of the Medical Devices Directive or by international agreements for craft, transportation and traffic. They are provided in order to secure the safe and secure handling of patients. In order to accommodate continuity of patient care between different kinds of ambulances, some specific requirements are given. Requirements are set in order to secure safe use and handling of medical devices.

Aircraft being used as ambulances are equipped with medical devices, medicinal products and rescue equipment to enable the medical personnel to provide continuous patient care. The minima for the medical devices are specified in Annex A. The requirements set out in this part of EN 13718 give the minimum provisions for an ambulance service to provide satisfactory care and medical attention to emergency patients as well as other patients during transportation. The requirements are based on the state of the art of today and common practice in Europe.

This European Standard gives minimum requirements for interfaces and compatibility of medical devices used in air ambulances. The standards work was called for by the EU Commission by a mandate linked with the Medical Devices Directive (see Annex ZA and Bibliography [1]).

This European Standard is supplementary to several other European Standards and gives requirements for medical devices when used in situations where the ambient conditions differ from the normal indoor conditions prevailing within the health care system. Several specific requirements are related to the conditions prevailing in air ambulances. The requirements set are carefully selected to ensure interoperability and continuous patient care.

Medical devices need to conform to the applicable essential requirements in the Medical Devices Directive, 93/42/EEC. The essential requirements are listed in Annex I of the Medical Devices Directive. Annex ZA in this European Standard lists the essential requirements that are covered by the identified clauses of this European Standard.

The environmental conditions for medical devices used in air ambulances are different from those expected in a normal hospital environment. In particular, this implies environmental conditions such as temperature and humidity, vibration and shock caused by movement of the air ambulances, variable atmospheric pressures and electromagnetic disturbances between the air ambulances and the medical device.

1 Scope

This part of EN 13718 specifies the requirements for performance and equipping for air ambulances, including requirements for interfaces to medical devices used for the transport and treatment of sick or injured persons. This part of EN 13718 is applicable to air ambulances capable of transporting at least one person on a stretcher.

NOTE Requirements are specified for categories of air ambulances based on the different intended use. These are the helicopter emergency medical service (HEMS) the helicopter intensive care medical service (HICAMS) and the fixed wing air ambulance (FWAA).

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The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

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3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

air ambulance

aircraft designed to be normally staffed by two medically trained personnel equipped and intended for the transportation of at least one stretcher patient who will receive medical treatment during transport

3.2

fixed wing air ambulance

FWAA

aircraft especially equipped for transportation, medical treatment and care of patients, including patients requiring intensive care treatment

3.3

flight crew

members of the crew intended to operate the aircraft

Note 1 to entry: See Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011.

3.4

helicopter emergency medical service

HEMS

flight by a helicopter, the purpose of which is to facilitate emergency medical assistance, where immediate and rapid transportation is essential, by carrying:

- medical personnel;
- medical supplies (equipment, blood, organs, drugs);
- ill or injured persons and other persons directly involved

3.5

helicopter intensive care medical service

HICAMS

flight by a helicopter, especially staffed and equipped for the transportation, medical treatment and care of patients requiring intensive care treatment, mainly in inter-hospital transfers

3.6

interchangeability

facility to transfer patients between scenes of emergencies, ambulances and hospitals as well as between hospitals, including transport between countries, providing continuous patient care, treatment and monitoring