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## Foreword

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This corrected version of ISO 20417:2021 incorporates the following corrections:

In 6.1.3. f):

If the *label* includes *symbols* or safety-related colours, they shall be explained in the *label*.

has been corrected to:

If the *label* includes *symbols* or safety-related colours, they shall be explained in the *instructions for use*.

## Introduction

This document provides the requirements for the identification and *labels* on a *medical device* or *accessory*, the packaging, *marking* of a *medical device* or *accessory*, and *accompanying information*. The aim of this document is to serve as a central source of these common, generally applicable requirements, allowing each specific *product standard* or *group standard* to focus more concisely on the unique requirements for a *specific medical device* or group of *medical devices*.

The requirements of a *medical device product standard* or a *group standard* can make use of these general requirements. Where there is a conflict and a *product standard* or a *group standard* exists, this document should not be used separately. Specific requirements of *medical device product standards* or *group standards* take precedence over requirements of this document. Unless specified otherwise within a *product standard* or a *group standard*, the general requirements of this document apply.

Some *authorities having jurisdiction* have requirements that can differ from the requirements of this document.

This document has been prepared in consideration of:

- the application of *Essential Principles of Safety and Performance of Medical Devices and IVD Medical Devices*, IMDRF/GRRP WG/N47:2018<sup>[3]</sup> on the *information supplied by the manufacturer* of a *medical device* (see [Annex D](#));
- the application of *Labelling Principles for Medical Devices and IVD Medical Devices*, IMDRF/GRRP WG/N52:2019<sup>[4]</sup> on the *information supplied by the manufacturer* of a *medical device* (see [Annex E](#));
- the application of the *essential principles of safety and performance* on the *information supplied by the manufacturer* of a *medical device* according to ISO 16142-1:2016 (see [Annex F](#));
- the application of the *essential principles of safety and performance* on the *information supplied by the manufacturer* of an *IVD medical device* according to ISO 16142-2:2017 (see [Annex F](#));
- the general safety and performance requirements for the *information supplied by the manufacturer* of a *medical device* according to regulation (EU) 2017/745<sup>[5]</sup> (see [Annex G](#)); and
- the general safety and performance requirements for the *information supplied by the manufacturer* of a *medical device* according to regulation (EU) 2017/746<sup>[6]</sup> (see [Annex H](#)).

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

In this document, the following verbal forms are used:

- “shall” indicates a requirement;
- “should” indicates a recommendation;
- “may” indicates a permission;
- “can” indicates a possibility or a capability.

Requirements in this document have been decomposed so that each requirement is uniquely delineated. This is done to support automated requirements tracking.

# Medical devices — Information to be supplied by the manufacturer

## 1 Scope

NOTE 1 There is guidance or rationale for this Clause contained in Clause A.2.

This document specifies the requirements for *information supplied by the manufacturer* for a *medical device* or by the *manufacturer* for an *accessory*, as defined in 3.1. This document includes the generally applicable requirements for identification and labels on a *medical device* or *accessory*, the packaging, marking of a *medical device* or *accessory*, and *accompanying information*. This document does not specify the means by which the information is to be supplied.

NOTE 2 Some *authorities having jurisdiction* impose different requirements for the identification, marking and documentation of a *medical device* or *accessory*.

Specific requirements of *medical device product standards* or *group standards* take precedence over requirements of this document.

## 2 Normative references

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.

ISO 3166-1, *Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions — Part 1: Country codes*

ISO 3864-1:2011, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Part 1: Design principles for safety signs and safety markings*

ISO 7000, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment — Registered symbols*

ISO 7010:2019, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Registered safety signs*

ISO 8601-1, *Date and time — Representations for information interchange — Part 1: Basic rules*

ISO 13485:2016, *Medical devices — Quality management systems — Requirements for regulatory purposes*

ISO 14971:2019, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

ISO 15223-1:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 16142-1:2016, *Medical devices — Recognized essential principles of safety and performance of medical devices — Part 1: General essential principles and additional specific essential principles for all non-IVD medical devices and guidance on the selection of standards*

ISO 16142-2:2017, *Medical devices — Recognized essential principles of safety and performance of medical devices — Part 2: General essential principles and additional specific essential principles for all IVD medical devices and guidance on the selection of standards*

IEC 60417, (database), *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

1) Under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: ISO/FDIS 15223-1:2021.

IEC 62366-1:2015+AMD1:2020, *Medical devices — Part 1: Application of the usability engineering process to medical devices*

ISO 80000-1, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 13485:2016, ISO 14971:2019, ISO 16142-1:2016, ISO 16142-2:2017 and IEC 62366-1:2015+AMD1:2020 as specified in [Annex I](#) and the following definitions apply. ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

NOTE An alphabetized index of defined terms used in this document is found in [Annex I](#).

#### 3.1

##### **accessory**

item, intended specifically by its *manufacturer*, to be used together with one or more *medical devices* to specifically enable or assist those *medical devices* to be used in accordance with their *intended use*

Note 1 to entry: An *accessory* is typically a consumable or separate item for use with one or more *medical devices*.

Note 2 to entry: Note 2 to entry: Some *authorities having jurisdiction* consider an *accessory* to be a *medical device*.

Note 3 to entry: Some *authorities having jurisdiction* have a different definition of *accessory*.

#### 3.2

##### **accompanying information**

information accompanying or *marked* on a *medical device* or *accessory* ([3.1](#)) for the *user* or those accountable for the installation, use, *processing*, maintenance, decommissioning and disposal of the *medical device* or *accessory*, particularly regarding safe use

Note 1 to entry: The *accompanying information* shall be regarded as part of the *medical device* or *accessory*.

Note 2 to entry: The *accompanying information* can consist of the *label*, *marking*, *instructions for use*, *technical description*, installation manual, quick reference guide, etc.

Note 3 to entry: *Accompanying information* is not necessarily a written or printed document but could involve auditory, visual, or tactile materials and multiple media types (e.g., CD/DVD-ROM, USB stick, website).

Note 4 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).