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ISO 8601-1	--	ISO 8601-1:2019 <sup>a</sup>
ISO 8601-2	--	ISO 8601-2:2019 <sup>a</sup>
ISO 15223-2	--	ISO 15223-2:2010
ISO 3166-1	EN ISO 3166-1:2020	ISO 3166-1: 2020

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## Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 210, *Quality management and corresponding general aspects for medical devices*, in collaboration with the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) Technical Committee CEN/CLC/JTC 3, *Quality management and corresponding general aspects for medical devices*, in accordance with the Agreement on technical cooperation between ISO and CEN (Vienna Agreement).

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 15223-1:2016), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- addition of 20 *symbols* that were validated as per ISO 15223-2;
- addition of 5 *symbols* previously published in ISO 7000, ISO 7001 and IEC 60417;
- deletion of the defined term “labelling”;
- inclusion of defined terms from ISO 20417, ISO 13485 and ISO 14971;
- expansion of the examples given in [Annex A](#);
- information about European regulations has been moved to informative notes throughout.

A list of all parts in the ISO 15223 series can be found on the ISO website.

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## Introduction

Medical device *manufacturers* and others in the supply chain must provide specific information on the *medical device* itself, as part of the packaging, or in the *accompanying information*. For simplicity and to avoid translation of text, this information can be provided as *symbols* that have a specific meaning. This document does not specify the information that needs to be provided, but does specify internationally recognized *symbols* for the provision of this specific information.

The *symbols* included in this document have been published in ISO 7000, ISO 7001, IEC 60417 or have been subjected to a formal *symbol* validation process.

This document is intended to be used by *manufacturers of medical devices* who market products in countries where there are specific language requirements. These *symbols* allow for a consistent portrayal of information. It can also be used by consumers or end users of *medical devices* who draw their supplies from a number of sources and can have varied language capabilities.

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.

Terms defined in [Clause 3](#) are shown in *italic type* throughout the document.

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;
- “must” indicates an external constraint that is not a requirement of the document.

Information marked as “NOTE” is intended to assist the understanding or use of the document. “Notes to entry” used in Clause 3 provide additional information that supplements the terminological data and can contain provisions relating to the use of a term.

*Symbols* added during the revision of this document were placed at the end of the pertinent section of [Table 1](#) to preserve the numbering of existing *symbols* and facilitate easy referencing of existing *symbols* in other documents.

NOTE Numbers given in square brackets throughout the document refer to the Bibliography.



# Medical devices — Symbols to be used with information to be supplied by the manufacturer —

## Part 1: General requirements

### 1 Scope

This document specifies *symbols* used to express information supplied for a *medical device*. This document is applicable to *symbols* used in a broad spectrum of *medical devices*, that are available globally and need to meet different regulatory requirements.

These *symbols* can be used on the *medical device* itself, on its packaging or in the *accompanying information*. The requirements of this document are not intended to apply to *symbols* specified in other standards.

### 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 code*

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

ISO 8601-2, *Date and time — Representations for information interchange — Part 2: Extensions*

ISO 15223-2, *Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling, and information to be supplied — Part 2: Symbol development, selection and validation*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and 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/>

#### 3.1

##### ***accompanying information***

information accompanying or *marked* on a *medical device* or accessory 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.*