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## Foreword

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**Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and  
Directive 93/42/EEC on medical devices**

| Clauses/subclauses of this<br>European Standard               | Essential Requirements (ERs) of<br>Directive 93/42/EEC | Qualifying remarks/notes  |
|---|--|---|
| 5.2.7   | 8.7  |   |
| 4   | 13.2   | Only the first two sentences of this ER are covered.  |
| 5.1.1, 5.1.2  | 13.3 (a)   |   |
| 5.1.6   | 13.3 (b)   |   |
| 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5, 5.2.9                      | 13.3 (c)   |   |
| 5.1.5, 5.1.7  | 13.3 (d)   |   |
| 5.1.4   | 13.3 (e)   |   |
| 5.4.2   | 13.3 (f)   | Only the first sentence of this ER is covered.  |
| 5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.3.3, 5.3.4, 5.3.5, 5.3.6, 5.3.7, 5.3.8, 5.3.9 | 13.3 (i)   |   |
| 5.4.3   | 13.3 (j)   |   |
| 5.2.6, 5.2.7, 5.2.8, 5.4.1, 5.4.4, 5.4.5                      | 13.3 (k)   | This ER is covered only in respect of the particular warnings or precautions that these symbols indicate. For other warnings, other symbols or other means of indication may be needed. |
| 5.1.3   | 13.3 (l)   |   |
| 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5                                    | 13.3 (m)   |   |

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## Annex ZB (informative)

### Relationship between this European Standard and the Essential Requirements of EU Directive 90/385/EEC on active implantable medical devices

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**Table ZB.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and  
Directive 90/385/EEC on active implantable medical devices**

| Clauses/subclauses of this<br>European Standard                  | Essential Requirements (ERs) of<br>Directive 90/385/EEC | Qualifying remarks/notes  |
|--|---|---|
| 5.1.5, 5.1.6, 5.1.7  | 11  |   |
| 4  | 14  | Only with regard to the use of symbols.   |
| 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5                                       | 14.1, 1st indent  |   |
| 5.1.6  | 14.1, 2nd indent  |   |
| 5.1.1  | 14.1, 3rd indent  |   |
| 5.1.5, 5.1.6, 5.1.7, 5.4.3, 5.4.4                                | 14.1, 4th indent  | Only identifying the model and batch or serial number, and directing users to the instructions for use for further information and precautions. |
| 5.2.1  | 14.1, 7th indent  |   |
| 5.1.3  | 14.1, 8th indent  |   |
| 5.1.4  | 14.1, 9th indent  |   |
| 5.1.1, 5.1.2   | 14.2, 1st indent  |   |
| 5.1.5, 5.1.6, 5.1.7, 5.4.3, 5.4.4                                | 14.2, 2nd indent  | Only identifying the model and batch or serial number, and directing users to the instructions for use for further information and precautions. |
| 5.2.6, 5.2.7   | 14.2, 4th indent  |   |
| 5.2.1  | 14.2, 7th indent  |   |
| 5.1.3  | 14.2, 8th indent  |   |
| 5.1.4  | 14.2, 9th indent  |   |
| 5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.3.3, 5.3.4, 5.3.5, 5.3.6,<br>5.3.7, 5.3.8, 5.3.9 | 14.2, 10th indent                                       | Only the conditions for transporting and storing the device are addressed.  |
| 5.2.8  | 15, 8th indent  | Only the warning “do not use the product, if the product sterile barrier system or its packaging is compromised” is addressed.                  |

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## Annex ZC (informative)

### Relationship between this European Standard and the Essential Requirements of EU Directive 98/79/EC on *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices

This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association to provide a means of conforming to Essential Requirements of the New Approach Directive 98/79/EC on *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices.

Once this standard is cited in the Official Journal of the European Union under that Directive and has been implemented as a national standard in at least one Member State, compliance with the clauses of this standard given in Table ZC.1 confers, within the limits of the scope of this standard, a presumption of conformity with the corresponding Essential Requirements of that Directive and associated EFTA regulations.

**Table ZC.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and  
Directive 98/79/EC on *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices**

| Clauses/subclauses of this<br>European Standard               | Essential Requirements (ERs) of<br>Directive 98/79/EC | Qualifying remarks/notes  |
|---|---|---|
| 5.4.3   | B.8.1   | Only the second part of the fourth paragraph is covered: "If individual full labelling of each unit is not practicable, the information must be set out on the packaging and/or in the instructions for use supplied with one or more devices". |
| 4   | B.8.2   | Only the first two sentences of this ER are covered.  |
| 5.1.1, 5.1.2  | B.8.4 (a)   |   |
| 5.1.3, 5.1.6, 5.5.2, 5.5.3, 5.5.4, 5.5.5                      | B.8.4 (b)   |   |
| 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5, 5.2.7, 5.2.9               | B.8.4 (c)   |   |
| 5.1.5, 5.1.7  | B.8.4 (d)   |   |
| 5.1.4   | B.8.4 (e)   |   |
| 5.5.6   | B.8.4 (f)   |   |
| 5.5.1   | B.8.4 (g)   |   |
| 5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.3.3, 5.3.4, 5.3.5, 5.3.6, 5.3.7, 5.3.8, 5.3.9 | B.8.4 (h)   |   |
| 5.4.3   | B.8.4 (i)   |   |
| 5.2.6, 5.2.8, 5.4.1, 5.4.2, 5.4.4, 5.4.5                      | B.8.4 (j)   |   |
| 5.1.5, 5.1.7  | B.8.6   |   |

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## Introduction

This part of ISO 15223 addresses the presentation of certain items of information that are considered by regulatory authorities to be essential for the safe and proper use of medical devices. As such, the items are required to appear with the medical device in most regulatory domains. The information can be required to appear on the medical device itself, as part of the label, or provided with the medical device.

Many countries require that their own language be used to display textual information with medical devices. At the same time, manufacturers seek to take costs out of labelling by reducing or rationalizing variants. This can cause problems in relation to translation, design and logistics when multiple languages are included on a single label or piece of documentation. For example, users of medical devices labelled in a number of different languages can experience confusion and delay in locating the appropriate language.

This part of ISO 15223 proposes solutions to these problems through the use of internationally recognized symbols with precisely defined descriptions.

While compiling symbols to be included in this part of ISO 15223, ISO/TC 210 recognized the need for systematic methodology for the selection, development and validation of symbols proposed for adoption. This is the subject of ISO 15223-2.

This part of ISO 15223 is primarily intended to be used by manufacturers of medical devices who market identical products in countries where there are different language requirements for medical device labelling. It can also be of assistance to:

- distributors of medical devices or other representatives of manufacturers;
- healthcare providers responsible for training as well as those being trained;
- those responsible for post-market vigilance;
- healthcare regulatory authorities, testing organizations, certification bodies and other organizations which are responsible for implementing regulations affecting medical devices and which have responsibility for post-market surveillance; and
- consumers or end users of medical devices who draw their supplies from a number of sources and can have varied language capabilities.

This part of ISO 15223 constitutes a technical revision of both ISO 15223-1:2007 and EN 980:2008, combining the symbols and requirements of both standards for the first time. There has been a steady convergence of the symbol requirements in ISO 15223-1 and EN 980 over recent years, with many of the previous differences between the standards resolved. This part of ISO 15223 represents a significant advance in the safe and effective use of symbols to transcend language, giving manufacturers, regulators and others a single set of global symbols for use with medical devices.

# Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied —

## Part 1: General requirements

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 15223 identifies requirements for symbols used in medical device labelling that convey information on the safe and effective use of medical devices. It also lists symbols that satisfy the requirements of this part of ISO 15223.

This part of ISO 15223 is applicable to symbols used in a broad spectrum of medical devices, which are marketed globally and therefore need to meet different regulatory requirements.

These symbols may be used on the medical device itself, on its packaging or in the associated documentation. The requirements of this part of ISO 15223 are not intended to apply to symbols specified in other standards.

### 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 7000, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment — Index and synopsis*

ISO 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats — Information interchange — Representation of dates and times*

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

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 terms and definitions given in ISO 14971 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

##### **characteristic information**

information that represents the property or properties of a symbol

#### 3.2

##### **description**

normative text which defines the purpose, application and use of the symbol

NOTE Adapted from IEC 80416-1:2008, definition 3.2.