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bioloogilise algmaterjali proovides.  
Etalonainete kirjeldus**

Measurement of quantities in samples of biological  
origin - Description of reference materials

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## Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 140 "In vitro diagnostic medical devices", the secretariat of which is held by DIN. International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (IFCC) and the European Confederation of Laboratory Medicine (ECLM) have contributed to its preparation.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by December 1999, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by December 1999.

This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive(s).

For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this standard.

This European Standard is based on ISO Guide 31 "Contents of certificates of reference materials". The future European Standard "Measurement of quantities in samples of biological origin – Presentation of reference measurement procedures" presents requirements to ensure that values assigned to reference materials by such procedures are reliable and stated in a useful way.

Annexes A, B and ZA are for information only.

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## Introduction

To produce useful and reliable results of measurement, whether in science, technology, or routine service, it is necessary that they are supported by a reference measurement system so as to be comparable and ultimately traceable to measurement standards of the highest metrological level.

The substances which are used to obtain this traceability, both through time, distances, and different measurement procedures, are the reference materials. A given reference material is supported by documentation containing descriptions, measurement results, instructions for use, stability data, and storage conditions. The present European Standard specifies the content and format of such supporting documentation.

Reference materials are used for one of three main purposes:

- a) calibration of values indicated by a measuring system or of another reference material;
- b) validation or control of trueness of measured values in a given laboratory, or in a group of laboratories;
- c) evaluation of the performance of a new measurement procedure.

The maximum acceptable uncertainty of measurement of the assigned value of the reference material depends on the requirements of the results of the measurement procedure.

As the proper use of a reference material depends on its description, it is important to apply rules for the documentation of reference materials.

The advantages of having (written) standards available are listed in ISO/IEC Guide 15.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements and formats for the description of reference materials. It is applicable to reference materials of higher metrological order, classifiable as primary measurement standards and secondary measurement standards that function either as calibrators or control materials for reference measurement procedures. This standard does not apply to reference materials that are parts of an in vitro diagnostic measuring system.

This European Standard also provides instructions on how to collect basic data for value determination and how to present the assigned value. The standard also specifies the format for a certificate.

This European Standard is not applicable to the production of the reference materials.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publications referred to applies.

EN 375 : 1992, *In vitro diagnostic systems – Requirements for labelling of in vitro diagnostic reagents for professional use*.

ISO 31 : 1992, *Quantities and units*.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this Standard, the terms and definitions given in International Vocabulary of Basic and General Terms in Metrology apply (3.1 and 3.2 are quotes from VIM) together with the following:

**3.1  
primary measurement standard**  
standard that is designated or widely acknowledged as having the highest metrological qualities and whose value is accepted without reference to other standards of the same quantity [6.4 of VIM]

NOTE 1: The concept of primary standard is equally valid for base quantities and derived quantities.

NOTE 2: The word "measurement" has been included in the term here for consistency.

NOTE 3: Measurement standards include reference materials.

**3.2  
secondary measurement standard**  
standard whose value is assigned by comparison with a primary standard of the same quantity [6.5 of VIM]

NOTE 1: The word "measurement" has been included in the term here for consistency.

NOTE 2: Measurement standards include reference materials.

**3.3  
matrix (of a material system)**  
all components of a material system except the analyte

**3.4  
matrix effect**  
influence of a property of the sample, independent of the presence of the analyte, on the measurement and thereby on the value of the measurable quantity

NOTE 1: A specified cause of a matrix effect is an influence quantity.

NOTE 2: A matrix effect depends on the detailed steps of the measurement as described in the measurement procedure.

### EXAMPLE:

The measurement of the amount-of-substance concentration of sodium ion in plasma by flame emission spectrometry may be influenced by the viscosity of the sample.