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Requirements and tests (ISO 7439:2011)**

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Foreword

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Table ZA — Correspondence between this International Standard and Directive 93/42/EEC

Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Essential Requirements (ERs) of Directive 93/42/EEC	Qualifying remarks/Notes
4	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	refers to 1st indent of ER 1
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5.2	1, 2, 9.2	refers to 1st indent of ER 1
5.3.1	1, 2, 9.2	refers to 1st indent of ER 1
5.3.2	3, 4	
5.3.3	1, 2	refers to 1st indent of ER 1
5.3.4	1, 2, 9.2	refers to 1st indent of ER 1
5.4	9.2, 12.7.1	
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5.5.2	4	
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5.7	3, 4	
6	7.1, 7.2, 8.1	
7.1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8.1	refers to 1st indent of ER 1
7.6	2, 7.1, 7.2, 7.5	
7.7	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 6.a	refers to 1st indent of ER 1
8	1, 2, 3, 4, 7.1, 7.2	refers to 1st indent of ER 1

9	8.3, 8.4, 8.5	
10	5, 8.3, 8.6	
11.1	13.1, 13.2	
11.2	13.3 a), 13.3 c) to f), 13.3 m)	The part of ER 13.3.a) relating to the information on the authorized representative is not addressed in this International Standard.
11.3	13.3 a), 13.3 d) to f)	The part of ER 13.3.a) relating to the information on the authorized representative is not addressed in this International Standard.
11.4	13.3 a) and 13.3 b), 13.3 k), 13.6 b), 13.6 e) and 13.6 f), 13.6 k), 13.6.l)	The part of ER 13.3.a) relating to the information on the authorized representative is not addressed in this International Standard.
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		<p>ER 13.3.f) is only partly addressed: safety issues.</p> <p>13.6 h) is not addressed in this International Standard.</p> <p>13.6 q) is not addressed in this International Standard.</p>

WARNING — Other requirements and other EU Directives may be applicable to the product(s) falling within the scope of this standard.

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Introduction

Although every foreign object in the uterus exhibits a certain contraceptive effect, the method by which copper-bearing contraceptive intrauterine devices (IUDs) function is by the continuous release of copper ions. This interferes with some enzymatic functions, immobilizes sperm cells and inhibits fertilization. These contribute to the high effectiveness of the contraception.

The effectiveness of copper-bearing IUDs is many times greater than that of a simple plastics body.

Contraceptive IUDs containing copper are regarded as medical devices incorporating a substance with an ancillary action and are subject to the European Council Directive 93/42/EEC of 14 June 1993 concerning medical devices.

Contraceptive IUDs whose primary purpose is to release progestogens are regulated as medicinal products and are subject to the European Council Directive 65/65/EEC of 26 January 1965 on the approximation of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to proprietary medicinal products. The relevant essential requirements of Annex I to Directive 93/42/EEC apply as far as safety and performance-related device features are concerned. It is advisable that significant changes in the design of the IUD, insertion device, specification or insertion technique be validated.

Copper-bearing contraceptive intrauterine devices — Requirements and tests

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements and tests for single-use, copper-bearing contraceptive intrauterine devices (IUDs) and their insertion instruments.

It is not applicable to IUDs consisting only of a plastics body or whose primary purpose is to release progestogens.

NOTE Some aspects of this International Standard can be applicable to medicated intrauterine devices and IUDs not containing copper.

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 10993-1, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ISO 14155-1, *Clinical investigation of medical devices for human subjects — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 14630:2008, *Non-active surgical implants — General requirements*

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

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

*European Pharmacopoeia (Ph. Eur.)*²⁾

3 Terms and definitions

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

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contraceptive intrauterine device

IUD

copper-bearing device placed in the uterine cavity for the purpose of preventing pregnancy

2) European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines (EDQM) of the Council of Europe.