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- *Part 1: Requirements for medical devices used in air ambulance;*
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Introduction

This European Standard gives minimum requirements for interfaces and compatibility of medical devices used in air ambulances. The standards work was called for by the EU Commission by a mandate from the Medical Device Directive (see Bibliography and Annex ZA).

This European Standard is supplementary to several other European Standards and gives requirements for medical devices when used in situations where the ambient conditions differ from the normal indoor conditions prevailing within the health care system. Several specific requirements are related to the conditions prevailing in air ambulances. The requirements set are carefully selected to ensure interoperability and continuous patient care.

The medical devices are being used by the services in air ambulances. Air ambulances carry medical devices as well as medicinal products and rescue equipment to be used by medical personnel.

Medical devices need to conform to the applicable essential requirements. The essential requirements are listed in Annex I to the Medical Device Directive (MDD). Annex ZA indicates related essential requirements that are addressed in identified clauses of this European Standard.

The environmental conditions for medical devices used in air ambulances are different from those expected in a normal hospital environment. In particular, this implies environmental conditions such as temperature and humidity, vibration and shock caused by movement of the air ambulances, variable atmospheric pressures and electromagnetic disturbances between the air ambulances and the medical device.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies general requirements for medical devices carried in air ambulances and used therein and outside hospitals and clinics in situations where the ambient conditions can differ from normal indoor conditions.

This European Standard does not cover the requirements for approval and registration of the vehicle and the training of the staff which is the responsibility of the authority/authorities in the country where the ambulance is to be registered.

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.

- EN 737-1, *Medical gas pipeline systems — Part 1: Terminal units for compressed medical gases and vacuum*
- EN 980, *Symbols for use in the labelling of medical devices*
- EN 1041, *Information supplied by the manufacturer with medical devices*
- EN 13220, *Flow-metering devices for connection to terminal units of medical gas pipeline systems*
- EN 13718-2, *Medical vehicles and their equipment — Air ambulances — Part 2: Operational and technical requirements of air ambulances*
- EN 60601 (all parts), *Medical electrical equipment*
- EN 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP code) (IEC 60529:1989)*
- EN 60068-2-32:1993, *Basic environmental testing procedures — Part 2: Tests — Test Ed: Free fall (IEC 60068-2-32:1975 + A1:1982 + A2:1990)*
- EN ISO 407, *Small medical gas cylinders — Pin-index yoke-type valve connections (ISO 407:2004)*
- EN ISO 5359:2008, *Low-pressure hose assemblies for use with medical gases (ISO 5359:2008)*
- EN ISO 10297, *Transportable gas cylinders — Cylinder valves — Specification and type testing (ISO 10297:2006)*
- EN ISO 10524-1, *Pressure regulators for use with medical gases — Part 1: Pressure regulators and pressure regulators with flow-metering devices (ISO 10524-1:2006)*
- EN ISO 10524-3, *Pressure regulators for use with medical gases — Part 3: Pressure regulators integrated with cylinder valves (ISO 10524-3:2005)*
- EN ISO 14971, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices (ISO 14971:2007)*
- EN ISO 19054, *Rail systems for supporting medical equipment (ISO 19054:2005)*
- ISO 3795, *Road vehicles, and tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Determination of burning behaviour of interior materials*
- ISO 7000, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment — Index and synopsis*

ISO 7137, *Aircraft — Environmental conditions and test procedures for airborne equipment*

European Aviation Safety Agency, *EASA Part 21: Certification of aircraft and related products, parts and appliances, and of design and production organisations* ¹⁾

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

air ambulance

aircraft designed to be normally staffed by two medical personnel equipped and intended for the transportation of at least one stretcher patient who will receive medical treatment during transport

3.2

medical device

instrument, apparatus, appliance, material or other article, whether used alone or in combination, including the software necessary for its proper application intended by the manufacturer to be used for human beings for the purpose of diagnosis, prevention, monitoring, treatment or alleviation of disease and injury

3.3

helicopter emergency medical service flight HEMS flight

flight by a helicopter operating under a HEMS approval, the purpose of which is to facilitate emergency medical assistance, where immediate and rapid transportation is essential, by carrying:

- medical personnel and/or
- medical supplies (equipment, blood, organs, drugs) and/or
- ill or injured persons and other persons directly involved

3.4

air ambulance flight

usually planned flight with an aircraft which is equipped with medical devices and installations, which are to facilitate medical assistance, where immediate and rapid transportation is not essential by carrying:

- medical personnel and/or
- medical supplies (equipment, blood, organs, drugs) and/or
- ill or injured persons and other persons directly involved

1) <http://www.easa.eu.int/home/index.html>