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requirements and test methods for absorbent cotton
gauze and absorbent cotton and viscose gauze**

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Foreword

This document (EN 14079:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN /TC 205, "Non-active medical devices" the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by October 2003, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by October 2003.

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This standard is based on the European Pharmacopoeia monographs. As charged by CEN/TC 205 it is a mere reformatting of the monographs. It includes requirements and test methods as far as they are in line with the essential requirements as defined in Annex I of the Medical Device Directive 93/42/EEC. This standard does not describe the full state of the art and therefore will be revised immediately after finalization.

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Introduction

Absorbent cotton gauze, absorbent cotton ribbon gauze and absorbent cotton and viscose ribbon gauze were described in the European Pharmacopoeia. Due to the introduction of the Medical Device Directive 93/42/EEC, those monographs have been removed from the European Pharmacopoeia.

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1 Scope

This standard describes the requirements and test methods for absorbent cotton gauze and absorbent cotton and viscose gauzes. The standard does not consider gauzes impregnated with a pharmaceutical substance.

2 Normative references

This standard contains no normative references

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard the following terms and definitions apply:

3.1

absorbent cotton gauze

cotton cloth of plain weave, bleached to a good white and purified, being white and practically odourless, containing not more than slight traces of leaf, pericarp seed-coat or other impurities and reasonably free from weaving defects

3.2

absorbent cotton ribbon gauze

woven cloth supplied in continuous ribbons of various widths with fast selvages, made from cotton threads that are purified, bleached and made absorbent either before or after weaving, being white and practically odourless, containing not more than slight traces of leaf, pericarp seed-coat or other impurities and reasonably free from weaving defects

3.3

absorbent cotton and viscose ribbon gauze

woven cloth supplied in continuous ribbons of various widths with fast selvages, having in the warp cotton threads and in the weft viscose threads or combined cotton and viscose threads, made from threads that are purified, bleached and made absorbent either before or after weaving, being white and practically odourless, containing not more than slight traces of leaf, pericarp seed-coat or other impurities and reasonably free from weaving defects

4 Requirements

4.1 Fibre Identification

4.1.1 Absorbent cotton gauze and absorbent cotton ribbon gauze

When tested according to 5.2.1 the cotton fibres shall conform to the IDENT tests A, B and C.

4.1.2 Absorbent cotton and viscose ribbon gauze

When tested according to 5.2.2 the cotton fibres shall conform to the IDENT tests A and C and the viscose fibres shall conform to IDENT test B.

If it is necessary to differentiate between lustrous or matt viscose, the IDENT test D shall be used.

4.2 Acidity and alkalinity

When tested according to 5.3 neither solution shall be pink.