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Compliance with this standard provides one means of conformity with the specified essential requirements of the Directive concerned.

ements .rd. WARNING: Other requirements and other EU Directives can be applied to the products falling within the scope of this standard.

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#### INTRODUCTION

The minimum safety requirements specified in this particular standard are considered to provide for a practical degree of safety in the operation of short-wave therapy equipment.

This particular standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1 (third edition, 2005): *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety and essential performance*, hereinafter referred to as the general standard (see 201.1.4).

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

A "particular guidance and rationale" section giving some explanatory notes, where appropriate, about the more important requirements is included in Annex AA.

Clauses or subclauses for which there are explanatory notes in annex AA are marked with an asterisk (\*).

It is considered that a knowledge of the reasons for these requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of the standard but will, in due course, expedite any revision actic to of the necessitated by changes in clinical practice or as a result of developments in technology. However, this annex does not form part of the requirements of this standard.

#### **MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT -**

# Part 2-3: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of short-wave therapy equipment

### 201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard 1 applies, except as follows:

#### 201.1.1 Scope

#### Replacement:

This particular standard specifies the requirements for the safety of SHORT-WAVE THERAPY EQUIPMENT, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT, as defined in subclause 201.3.206.

LOW POWER EQUIPMENT as defined in subclause 201.3.202 is exempted from certain requirements of this standard.

#### 201.1.2 Object

#### Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for SHORT-WAVE THERAPY EQUIPMENT as defined in 201.3.206.

#### 201.1.3 Collateral standards

#### Addition:

This particular standard refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in Clause 2 of the general standard.

IEC 60601-1-3 does not apply. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series apply as published.

#### 201.1.4 Particular standards

#### Replacement:

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in the general standard and collateral standards as appropriate for the particular ME EQUIPMENT under consideration, and may add other BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements.

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over the general standard.

For brevity, IEC 60601-1 is referred to in this particular standard as the general standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document number.

The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005, Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance