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Sterilization of health care products — General requirements for characterization of a sterilizing agent and the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices

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Stérilisation des produits de santé — Exigences générales pour la caractérisation d'un agent stérilisant et pour le développement, la validation et la vérification de routine d'un processus de stérilisation pour dispositifs médicaux

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Subclause D.2.5

Delete existing text of D.2.5 and replace it with the following text:

"**D.2.5** If the inactivation of 10^6 microorganisms has been confirmed following D.2.4, determine the extent of treatment for the sterilization process by extrapolation to a predicted probability of a surviving microorganism of 10^{-6} or better, taking into account the nature of the inactivation kinetics effected by the sterilizing agent and the number and resistance of the microorganisms on the biological indicator.

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This approach is best suited to sterilizing agents that demonstrate linear inactivation kinetics. In such cases, the extent of treatment can be defined conservatively as twice that employed in D.2.4. For sterilizing agents that do not demonstrate linear inactivation kinetics, the nature of the inactivation kinetics should be investigated in order to derive a relationship from which it can be predicted that the specified probability of a microorganism surviving is not exceeded on applying the sterilization process.

NOTE   A knowledge of the inactivation kinetics can be obtained as in 5.3.1 b); the nature of the inactivation kinetics may be influenced by the product."

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Annex ZA

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