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Part 1: General requirements

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Table ZA – Correspondence between this European Standard and Directive 93/42/EEC on medical devices

Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Essential Requirements (ERs) of Directive 93/42/EEC	Qualifying remarks/Notes
4.2 to 4.7	8, 7	
5.5	5	
5.8	13 [except 13.3 a) and 13.6 q)]	The relevant Essential Requirement 13.3 a) is partly addressed. The relevant Essential Requirement 13.6 q) is not addressed in this European Standard
6.1	10.1	
8	10.1	

WARNING – Other requirements and other EU-directives may be applicable to the product(s) falling within the scope of the standard.

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Introduction

This part of ISO 11140 specifies performance requirements and/or test methods for chemical indicators intended for use with sterilization processes employing steam, dry heat, ethylene oxide, γ or β radiation, steam-formaldehyde or vaporized hydrogen peroxide.

Additional requirements for indicators intended for use with other sterilization methods (e.g. other forms of moist heat sterilization) are not specifically provided in this part of ISO 11140, however, the general requirements will apply.

The requirements for specific test indicators (e.g. Bowie-Dick test indicators) are covered in other parts of ISO 11140.

Standards for sterilizers and for the validation and process control of sterilization, describe performance tests for sterilizers and methods of validation and routine control, respectively.

This part of ISO 11140 is intended for manufacturers of chemical indicators and specifies the general requirements for chemical indicators. Subsequent parts of this International Standard specify the particular requirements for chemical indicators for particular applications and for defined tests of particular sterilization processes used in health care, including industry. The use of the indicators specified in this part of ISO 11140 are described in ISO 15882, EN 285, ISO 11135 and ISO 17665.

Resistometers (see ISO 18472) are used to characterize the performance of the chemical indicators described in this part of ISO 11140. Resistometers allow for precise variation of the specific test conditions and cycle sequences in order to produce controlled physical studies. Resistometers differ from conventional sterilizers; therefore, if conventional sterilizers are used to attempt to duplicate resistometer conditions, erroneous and/or misleading results may occur.

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1 Scope

1.1 This part of ISO 11140 specifies general requirements and test methods for indicators that show exposure to sterilization processes by means of physical and/or chemical change of substances, and which are used to monitor the attainment of one or more of the variables required for a sterilization process. They are not dependent for their action on the presence or absence of a living organism.

NOTE Biological test systems are regarded as those tests which are dependent for their interpretation on the demonstration of the viability of an organism. Test systems of this type are considered in the ISO 11138 series for biological indicators (BIs).

1.2 The requirements and test methods of this part of ISO 11140 apply to all indicators specified in subsequent parts of ISO 11140, unless the requirement is modified or added to by a subsequent part, in which case the requirement of that particular part will apply.

Relevant test equipment is described in ISO 18472.

NOTE Additional requirements for specific test indicators (Class 2 indicators) are given in ISO 11140-3, ISO 11140-4 and ISO 11140-5.

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 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats — Information interchange — Representation of dates and times*

ISO 11138 (all parts), *Sterilization of health care products — Biological indicator systems*

ISO 11607, *Packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices*

ISO 18472¹⁾, *Sterilization of health care products — Biological and chemical indicators — Test equipment*

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