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phthalates

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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This European Standard has been prepared to give expression to the legislative preference within the European Union for the use of symbols to provide information for the safe use of medical devices, and to the legislative requirement for labelling to show the presence of certain phthalates in medical devices.

This European Standard contains requirements for the labelling of medical devices or parts of medical devices containing phthalates requiring labelling, as required by the consolidated Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC, as amended by Directive 2007/47/EC.

Labelling of medical devices or parts of medical devices containing particular phthalates is required because some have been classified as CMR 1 & 2, i.e. they could exhibit carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic/developmental effects. Not all the reproductive and developmental toxicity of phthalates to the human body have been confirmed. However, it has recently been suggested that precautions be taken to limit the exposure of humans particularly that of high risk patient groups.

Phthalates have been extensively used as plasticizers due to the increased flexibility they impart to polyvinyl chloride (PVC), a plastic polymer used in a wide array of products including medical devices.

From a user's point of view, a symbol conveys information in order that the user may assess the suitability of the medical device in order to mitigate risks to the patient. Due to the fact a number of phthalates with known and unknown biological effects exists on the market this European Standard includes only one symbol for medical devices "containing particular phthalates". The requirements in the consolidated Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC, as amended by Directive 2007/47/EC define which medical devices containing phthalates have to be marked with the symbol. When the user has been informed that the product contains those particular phthalates precautionary actions can be found in the instruction for use.

Annex B provides information about the use of the general prohibition symbol.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements for the labelling of a medical device or parts of a medical device to indicate the presence of phthalates, when required by Annex I of Directive 93/42/EEC Section 7.5, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. This specifically includes the format of a symbol to be used in the labelling. This European Standard does not specify the requirements for information to be supplied with medical devices, which are addressed by EN 980 and EN 1041.

This European Standard does not specify the requirements of the 1<sup>st</sup> and of the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraphs of Essential Requirement 7.5.

## 2 Terms and definitions

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

### 2.1

#### **symbol for use in the labelling of medical devices**

object presented on the label and/or on the device itself and/or associated documentation of a medical device, which may utilise symbolic or iconic presentation, that communicates characteristic information without relying on knowledge of the language of a particular nation or people by the giver or receiver of the information

### 2.2

#### **symbolic presentation**

abstract pictorial or graphic representation

[EN 980:2008]

### 2.3

#### **iconic presentation**

pictorial or graphic representation using familiar objects, including alphanumeric characters

[EN 980:2008]

### 2.4

#### **characteristic information**

mental representation of a property or properties of an object or set of objects

[EN 12264:2005]

## 3 Requirements for usage

**3.1** If phthalates which are classified as carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction of category 1 or 2 in accordance with table 3.2 of Annex VI of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, are part of the formulation and the medical device is:

- I) intended to administer and/or remove medicines, or
- II) intended to administer and/or remove body liquids, or
- III) intended to administer and/or remove other substances to or from the body, or
- IV) intended for transport and storage of such body fluids or substances,