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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 11979-4:2008), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 11979-4:2008/Amd.1:2012.

The main changes are as follows:

- normative references have been updated and retired standards have been removed or replaced;
- [Table 1](#) has been updated with additional information to be included in the packaging; e.g. expiration date on primary package;
- new categories and clinical requirements for SVIOLs were published in ISO 11979-7. ISO 11979-4 is updated to reflect these changes also in labelling;
- information can be provided electronically if national regulations allow.

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## Introduction

Labelling requirements for medical devices in general are given in ISO 20417<sup>[5]</sup>. However, in order to ensure correct and necessary information to the ophthalmic surgeon, additional specific information is required for intraocular lenses. Such information concerns technical and optical data as well as information about the materials used.

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# Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses —

## Part 4: Labelling and information

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the labelling requirements for intraocular lenses (IOLs) and the information to be provided within or on the packaging.

NOTE This document attempts to harmonize the recognized labelling requirements for IOLs throughout the world. However, there can be additional national requirements.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 11979-1, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 1: Vocabulary*

ISO 11979-7, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 7: Clinical investigations of intraocular lenses for the correction of aphakia*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11979-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 4 Labelling, instruction for use and labels

#### 4.1 Labelling

[Table 1](#) lists the minimal information that shall be included with the labelling of IOLs and the location on the packaging where labelling shall be presented. It further lists information that shall be given in applicable cases.

The information may be supplied electronically where regulations allow.