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**PROTECTIVE DEVICES AGAINST DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL X-RADIATION –**

**Part 3: Protective clothing and protective devices for gonads**

FOREWORD

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Annex A forms an integral part of this standard.

Annex B is for information only.

A bilingual version of this standard may be issued at a later date.

## PROTECTIVE DEVICES AGAINST DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL X-RADIATION –

### Part 3: Protective clothing and protective devices for gonads

#### 1 Scope and object

##### 1.1 Scope

This part of International Standard IEC 61331 applies to PROTECTIVE DEVICES such as PROTECTIVE CLOTHING for the protection of persons against X-RADIATION up to 150 kV, during RADIOLOGICAL examinations and interventional procedures.

NOTE – PROTECTIVE DEVICES are not intended by themselves to provide complete protection of persons, but are used to reduce the dose to persons where other methods of protection against X-RADIATION are insufficient or not applicable.

##### 1.2 Object

This standard deals with:

- general requirements on the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS, and on design and materials used;
- standard sizes, particular design features, minimum ATTENUATION properties of materials, marking and standardized forms of statements of compliance with this standard.

It covers PROTECTIVE CLOTHING mainly for the protection of the OPERATOR, such as:

- PROTECTIVE APRONS;
- PROTECTIVE GLOVES;
- PROTECTIVE MITTENS;

and PROTECTIVE DEVICES for gonads for the protection of the PATIENT, such as:

- PROTECTIVE GONAD APRONS;
- SCROTUM SHIELDS;
- OVARY SHIELDS;
- SHADOW SHIELDS.

The latter group of PROTECTIVE DEVICES is intended to be used during RADIOLOGICAL examinations to minimize the effects of IRRADIATION on the reproductive organs particularly with regard to genetic damage.

#### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 61331. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All normative documents are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 61331 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60788:1984, *Medical radiology – Terminology*

IEC 61331-1:1994, *Protective devices against diagnostic medical X-radiation – Part 1: Determination of attenuation properties of materials*