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This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CENELEC by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association and covers essential requirements of EC Directive 93/42/EEC. See Annex ZZ.

This European Standard constitutes a collateral standard to EN 60601-1:2006, hereafter referred to as the general standard.

This EN 60601-1-2 was revised to structurally align it with EN 60601-1:2006 and to implement the decision of IEC SC 62A that the clause numbering structure of collateral standards written to EN 60601-1:2006 would adhere to the form specified in ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2:2004. The principle technical changes are in Clause 4, which now recognizes that there is a general requirement for a risk management process in EN 60601-1:2006.

In the 60601 series of publications, collateral standards specify general requirements for safety applicable to

– a subgroup of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (e.g. radiological equipment); or

– a specific characteristic of all MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, not fully addressed in the general standard (e.g. alarm systems).

In this collateral standard the following print types are used:

- requirements and definitions: in roman type;
- *test specifications: in italic type*;
- informative material appearing outside of tables, such as notes, examples and references: in smaller type. Normative text of tables is also in a smaller type;
- TERMS DEFINED IN CLAUSE 3 OF THE GENERAL STANDARD, IN THIS COLLATERAL STANDARD OR AS NOTES: IN SMALL CAPITALS.

NOTE Defined terms are not printed in SMALL CAPITALS in Table 1 through Table 8, in the tables in Annex C and in statements required to appear in the technical description or instructions for use because they are intended for the OPERATOR or RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION, who may not be familiar with the defined terms of EN 60601 standards.

In referring to the structure of this standard, the term

– “clause” means one of the six numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 6 includes Subclauses 6.1, 6.2, etc.);

– “subclause” means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g. 6.1, 6.2 and 6.2.1 are all subclauses of Clause 6).

number. References to subclauses within this standard are by number only.

In this standard, the conjunctive “or” is used as an “inclusive or” so a statement is true if any combination of the conditions is true.

The verbal forms used in this standard conform to usage described in Annex H of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. For the purposes of this standard, the auxiliary verb:

- “shall” means that compliance with a requirement or a test is mandatory for compliance with this standard;
- “should” means that compliance with a requirement or a test is recommended but is not mandatory for compliance with this standard;
- “may” is used to describe a permissible way to achieve compliance with a requirement or test.

Clauses, subclauses, items and definitions for which a rationale is provided in informative Annex A are marked with an asterisk (*).

Annexes ZA and ZZ have been added by CENELEC.

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The text of the International Standard IEC 60601-1-2:2007 was approved by CENELEC as a European Standard with agreed common modifications.

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INTRODUCTION

The need for establishing specific ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY standards for MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS is well recognized.

In particular, the existence of ELECTROMAGNETIC EMISSION standards is essential for the protection of:

– safety services;

– other MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS;

– electrical equipment that is not ME EQUIPMENT (e.g. computers);

– telecommunications (e.g. radio/TV, telephone, radio-navigation).

Of even more importance, the existence of ELECTROMAGNETIC IMMUNITY standards is essential to assure safety of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (see Definition 3.4) differs from other aspects of safety covered by IEC 60601-1 because the electromagnetic phenomena exist, with varying degrees of severity, in the normal use environment of all MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS and by definition the equipment must “perform satisfactorily” within its intended environment in order to establish ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY. This means that the conventional single fault approach to safety is not appropriate for application to ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY standards. The ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTURBANCE environment can be compared to ambient temperature, humidity and atmospheric pressure. MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS may experience environmental conditions within the expected range at any time, and for extended periods of time. As with atmospheric pressure and humidity, the OPERATOR of the MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM may not be aware of ambient levels on a continuous basis. The IMMUNITY TEST LEVELS specified in this collateral standard (IEC 60601 TEST LEVELS) represent the range found in the general medical use environment. Therefore, under these conditions, the performance of the MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM would also be expected to be normal.

MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS are used in the practice of medicine because they provide needed FUNCTIONS. If MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT or a MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM does not provide its needed FUNCTION, because of a lack of IMMUNITY to events expected in the normal use environment, this interferes with the practice of medicine and cannot be considered an acceptable situation.

This edition recognizes that there is a shared responsibility between MANUFACTURERS, RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATIONS and OPERATORS to ensure that MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS are designed and operated as intended. The MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM MANUFACTURER’S responsibility is to design and manufacture to meet the requirements of this collateral standard and to disclose information to the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION or OPERATOR so that a compatible ELECTROMAGNETIC ENVIRONMENT can be maintained in order that the MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM will perform as intended.

Because the practice of medicine involves many specialities, there will by necessity be MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS that are designed to perform a variety of FUNCTIONS. Some FUNCTIONS involve, for example, measurement of signals from a PATIENT that are of very low levels when compared to ELECTROMAGNETIC NOISE levels that can be coupled into MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS during the ELECTROMAGNETIC IMMUNITY testing specified in this collateral standard. Because of the proven benefits of many such MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, this collateral standard allows the IMMUNITY TEST LEVELS to be lowered, provided there is sufficient justification based on physical, technological or physiological limitations. In this case, the MANUFACTURER is required to disclose the levels at which the MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM meets the performance requirements of this collateral standard and to specify the characteristics of the ELECTROMAGNETIC use environment and how this environment is established, in which the MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM will perform as intended.

This collateral standard also recognizes that for certain environments, higher IMMUNITY LEVELS may be required. Research necessary to determine how to identify the environments that may require higher IMMUNITY LEVELS, as well as what the levels should be, is in progress.

Finally, this collateral standard recognizes that for LIFE-SUPPORTING MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, higher levels of IMMUNITY are necessary in order to establish a broader safety margin, even for use in the general medical use environment. Therefore, this collateral standard specifies additional requirements for LIFE-SUPPORTING MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.

This collateral standard is based on existing IEC standards prepared by subcommittee 62A, technical committee 77 (electromagnetic compatibility between electrical equipment including networks) and CISPR (International special committee on radio interference).

The ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY requirements specified by this collateral standard are generally applicable to MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS as defined in 3.63 and 3.64 in the general standard. For certain types of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, these requirements may need to be modified by the special requirements of a particular standard. Writers of particular standards are encouraged to refer to Annex E for guidance in the application of this collateral standard.

MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Electromagnetic compatibility – Requirements and tests

1 Scope, object and related standards

1.1 * Scope

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS.

This collateral standard applies to ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY of ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS.

1.2 Object

The object of this collateral standard is to specify general requirements and tests for ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY of ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS. They are in addition to the requirements of the general standard and serve as the basis for particular standards.

1.3 Related standards

1.3.1 IEC 60601-1

For ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS, this collateral standard complements IEC 60601-1.

When referring to IEC 60601-1 or to this collateral standard, either individually or in combination, the following conventions are used:

– "the general standard" designates IEC 60601-1 alone;

– "this collateral standard" designates IEC 60601-1-2 alone;

– "this standard" designates the combination of the general standard and this collateral standard.

1.3.2 Particular standards

A requirement in a particular standard takes priority over the corresponding requirement in this collateral standard.

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.

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*