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European foreword

This document (EN 13795-1:2019) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 205 "Non-active medical devices", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by October 2019, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by October 2019.

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For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

EN 13795 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Surgical clothing and drapes — Requirements and test methods*:

- *Part 1: Surgical drapes and gowns*
- *Part 2: Clean air suits*

The following changes have been introduced:

- a) The product 'clean-air suit' has been moved to Part 2 of the EN 13795 standard series because of distinctive requirements and test methods;
- b) Alignment of the document title and the Scope;
- c) Revision of the Normative references and the Bibliography;
- d) Alignment of the Clause 'Terms and definitions';
- e) Review of the performance requirements in Table 1 and Table 2 especially with regard to 'Cleanliness - Particulate matter' and 'Linting', which have been combined as 'Particle release';
- f) Movement of former Clause 5 'Testing' to A.1 and editorial alignment;
- g) Revision of Clause 'Manufacturing and processing requirements' by adding of documentary requirements and a section for the introduction of a QM system;
- h) Enhancement and improved structuring of Clause 'Information to be supplied by the manufacturer or processor';
- i) Deletion of the former Annex A 'Details of significant changes between this document and the previous edition' which consisted of 3 parts;
- j) Complete revision and extension of Annex A 'Testing' (formerly Annex B 'Test methods');

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- k) Inclusion of a new Annex B 'Rationales' which provides precise reasons for the essential requirements of this document and which is intended for users aware of the subject of this document, but who have not participated in its development;
- l) Deletion of the former Annex C 'Prevention of infection in the operating room';
- m) Revision and extension of Annex C (formerly Annex D) 'Information on further characteristics'; e.g. inclusion of a Clause on 'Flammability' and 'Electrostatic discharge';
- n) Inclusion of a new Annex D 'Environmental aspects';
- o) Inclusion of a new Annex E 'Guidance to users for selecting products';
- p) Revision of Annex ZA on the relationship to the Medical Device Directive (93/42/EEC);
- q) Complete editorial revision.

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Introduction

The transmission of infective agents during invasive surgical procedures can occur in several ways (see informative Annex B).

Surgical drapes, including the intended use as a sterile field, and surgical gowns are used to minimize the spread of infective agents to and from patients' operating wounds, thereby helping to prevent post-operative wound infections (see Annex B).

The performance required of coverings for patients, clinical staff and equipment varies with, for example, the type and duration of the procedure, the degree of wetness of the operation field, the degree of mechanical stress on the materials and the susceptibility of the patient to infection.

The use of surgical gowns with resistance to the penetration of liquids can also diminish the risk to the operating staff from infective agents carried in blood or body fluids.

This document is intended to assist the communication between manufacturers and third parties with regard to material or product characteristics and performance requirements.

Therefore, Annex B provides comprehensive information on characteristics, measurement of performance and performance requirements. Annex C clarifies that this document does not include environmental provisions. Annex D provides information on characteristics regarded relevant in context with surgical gowns and drapes, however but not covered normatively (i.e. without applicable performance requirements). Annex E explains the concept of performance levels and provides guidance to users for selecting products.

This document focuses on Essential Requirements arising from the Medical Device Directive 93/42/EEC, which are applicable to surgical drapes and gowns. The requirements and guidance in this document are expected to be of help to manufacturers and users when designing, processing, assessing and selecting products. It is the intention of this document to ensure the same level of safety from single-use and reusable surgical clothing and drapes throughout their useful life.

Surgical gowns are used to minimize the transmission of infective agents between patients and clinical staff during surgical and other invasive procedures. Hereby, surgical gowns contribute to the clinical condition and the safety of patients as well as to the safety and health of users following up essential requirement 1 of Directive 93/42/EEC on Medical Devices. This document addresses the same level of protection for patients and users (i.e. the surgical team) by not differentiating the performance requirements for surgical gowns respectively. However, this document does not formally address any basic health and safety requirements of the Directive 89/686/EEC or Regulation (EU) 2016/425 on Personal Protective Equipment and does not provide specific guidance for surgical gowns intended by the manufacturer for dual use as medical device and personal protective equipment.

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1 Scope

This document specifies information to be supplied to users and third party verifiers in addition to the usual labelling of medical devices (see EN 1041 and EN ISO 15223-1), concerning manufacturing and processing requirements. This document gives information on the characteristics of single-use and reusable surgical gowns and surgical drapes used as medical devices for patients, clinical staff and equipment, intended to prevent the transmission of infective agents between clinical staff and patients during surgical and other invasive procedures. This document specifies test methods for evaluating the identified characteristics of surgical drapes and gowns and sets performance requirements for these products.

This document does not cover requirements for resistance to penetration by laser radiation of products. Suitable test methods for resistance to penetration by laser radiation, together with an appropriate classification system, are given in EN ISO 11810.

This document does not cover requirements for incision drapes or films.

This document does not cover requirements for antimicrobial treatments for surgical gowns and drapes. Antimicrobial treatment can cause environmental risks such as resistance and pollution. However, antimicrobial treated surgical gowns and drapes fall under the scope of this document with respect to their use as surgical gowns and drapes.

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.

EN ISO 811:2018, *Textiles - Determination of resistance to water penetration - Hydrostatic pressure test (ISO 811:2018)*

EN 29073-3:1992, *Textiles - Test methods for nonwovens - Part 3: Determination of tensile strength and elongation*

EN ISO 139:2005,¹ *Textiles — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing (ISO 139:2005 + Amd. 1:2011)*

EN ISO 9073-10:2004, *Textiles - Test methods for nonwovens - Part 10: Lint and other particles generation in the dry state (ISO 9073-10:2003)*

EN ISO 10993-1:2009, *Biological evaluation of medical devices - Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process (ISO 10993-1:2009)*

EN ISO 11737-1:2018, *Sterilization of medical devices — Microbiological methods — Part 1: Determination of a population of microorganisms on products (ISO 11737-1:2018)*

EN ISO 13938-1:1999, *Textiles - Bursting properties of fabrics - Part 1: Hydraulic method for determination of bursting strength and bursting distension (ISO 13938-1:1999)*

¹ Impacted by EN ISO 139:2005+A1:2011