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This seventh edition cancels and replaces the sixth edition (ISO 9999:2016), which has been technically revised. The main changes are as follows:

— deletion of class 05 was;

— major changes in class 09, class 12 and class 22.

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Introduction

Assistive products (including software) are classified according to their function. The classification consists of three hierarchical levels and the codes each consist of three pairs of digits. Like other classifications, for each level, codes, titles, explanatory notes, inclusions, exclusions and cross-references are given. Besides the explanatory text and the classification itself, a table of conversion between the previous edition (ISO 9999:2016) and this document (ISO 9999:2022) and an alphabetical index are provided in order to facilitate the use of and to improve the accessibility of the classification.

This document has 948 titles of which about 23 are new and 116 are changed, including minor editorial revisions.

All assistive products in this classification are primarily intended for use outside of health care settings; however, some of the products can be used in facilities such as rehabilitation centres to teach clients how to use these products. It should be noted that the titles of some subclasses and divisions in class 28 refer to the "workplace". This term does not refer to a specific setting or geographical location; instead, it refers to any setting in which employment-related activities or vocational training are performed.

The definition of "assistive product" used by this document has been revised to align it with the terminology of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF, WHO, 2018).

In 2003, ISO 9999 was accepted as a related member of the WHO Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC). The WHO-FIC comprises high-quality classifications for relevant sectors of the health system. With this inclusion, the use of this document was stimulated.

This document makes use of the terminology of the ICF, which is a classification of health and health-related domains. These domains are classified from body, individual and societal perspectives by means of two lists: a list of body functions and structure and a list of domains of activity and participation. Since an individual's functioning and disability occurs in a context, ICF also includes a list of environmental factors. Assistive products in this list are viewed as part of the environmental factors. The ICF is one of the core classifications of the WHO-FIC (see Annex A).

An alphabetical index of terms in Annex D is provided for information to facilitate access to the classification. Terms used in inclusion statements are incorporated in the index.

NOTE Some of the assistive products can be classified as medical devices.

Assistive products — Classification and terminology

1 Scope

This document specifies a classification and terminology of assistive products, especially produced or generally available, for persons to optimize functioning and reduce disability.

Assistive products used by a person to optimize functioning and reduce disability, but which require the assistance of another person for their operation, are included in the classification.

The following items are specifically excluded from this document:

— items used for the installation of assistive products;

— solutions obtained by combinations of assistive products that are individually classified in this document;

— medicines;

— assistive products and instruments used exclusively by healthcare professionals or by teachers;

— non-technical solutions, such as personal assistance, guide dogs or lip-reading;

— implanted devices;

— financial support.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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/

3.1
activity
execution of a task or action by an individual

[SOURCE: ICF 2018, WHO]

3.2
activity limitation
difficulties an individual can have in executing *activities* (3.1)

[SOURCE: ICF 2018, WHO]