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Annex ZA (informative)

Relationship between this European Standard and the essential requirements of Directive 93/42/EEC [OJ L 169] aimed to be covered

This European Standard has been prepared under a Commission's standardization request [M/295 concerning the development of European Standards related to medical devices] to provide one voluntary means of conforming to essential requirements of Council Directive 93/42/EEC of 14 June 1993 concerning medical devices [OJ L 169].

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NOTE 1 Where a reference from a clause of this standard to the risk management process is made, the risk management process needs to be in compliance with Directive 93/42/EEC as amended by 2007/47/EC. This means that risks have to be reduced 'as far as possible', 'to a minimum', 'to the lowest possible level', 'minimized' or 'removed', according to the wording of the corresponding essential requirement.

NOTE 2 The manufacturer's policy for determining acceptable risk must be in compliance with Essential Requirements 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 of the Directive.

NOTE 3 This [Annex ZA](#) is based on normative references according to the table of references in the European foreword, replacing the references in the core text.

NOTE 4 When an Essential Requirement does not appear in [Table ZA.1](#), it means that it is not addressed by this European Standard.

For all requirements related to clinical investigations contained in the regulation and referred to in the following table: obligations attributed to the "sponsor" under ISO 14155 shall be incumbent under the Directive 93/42/EEC to the manufacturer if located in the EU/EEA/Turkey/Switzerland, and incumbent to the Authorized Representative otherwise. Both may refer to external service providers in order to fulfil their obligations.

Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Annex I of Directive 93/42/EEC [OJ L 169]

Essential Requirements of Directive 93/42/EEC	Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks/Notes
Annex I, 6a	Entire standard	Partial fulfilment of the ER, as regards 1) the documentation of clinical investigations of medical devices used in the clinical evaluation process as referred to in Annex X.1.1 ^a and parts of Annex X.2 listed below.
^a See MEDDEV 2.7/1, Section 6.3.		

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Essential Requirements of Directive 93/42/EEC	Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks/Notes
Annex X, 2.2	4, 5, 6.2, 6.3 and 8.4	ISO 14155 does not refer to a particular version of the declaration of Helsinki. The latest available version of the declaration of Helsinki must be taken into account. National/regional requirements for ethics in clinical research and for protecting the safety, wellbeing, health and rights of subjects must be observed.
Annex X, 2.3.1	6.2, 6.3, 6.4, A.4, A.5, A.6 and A.7	
Annex X, 2.3.2	6.3, 6.4, A.2 i), A.3, A.4, A.5 and A.6	
Annex X, 2.3.3	6.3, 6.8, 7.3, 10.2, 10.3 and A.6	Covered provided that the investigation site's facilities are similar to the facilities required for the intended use of the investigational device.
Annex X, 2.3.4	6.2, 6.3, 7.4, 9.2.5, 10.8, A.3, A.4, A.5, A.6 and A.7	
Annex X, 2.3.5	7.4, 9.2.5 and 10.8	
Annex X, 2.3.6	6.5, 6.8, 9.2.1, 10.2, 10.3 and Annex B	
Annex X, 2.3.7	8.4, 9.2.6, 10.6 r) and Annex D	
^a See MEDDEV 2.7/1, Section 6.3.		

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Annex ZB (informative)

Relationship between this European Standard and the essential requirements of Directive 90/385/EEC [OJ L 189] aimed to be covered

This European Standard has been prepared under a Commission's standardization request [M/295 concerning the development of European Standards related to medical devices] to provide one voluntary means of conforming to essential requirements of Council Directive 90/385/EEC of 20 June 1990 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to active implantable medical devices [OJ L 189].

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NOTE 1 Where a reference from a clause of this standard to the risk management process is made, the risk management process needs to be in compliance with Directive 90/385/EEC as amended by 2007/47/EC. This means that risks have to be reduced 'as far as possible', 'to a minimum', 'to the lowest possible level', 'minimized' or 'removed', according to the wording of the corresponding essential requirement.

NOTE 2 The manufacturer's policy for determining acceptable risk must be in compliance with Essential Requirements 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10 of the Directive.

NOTE 3 This [Annex ZB](#) is based on normative references according to the table of references in the European foreword, replacing the references in the core text.

NOTE 4 When an Essential Requirement does not appear in [Table ZB.1](#), it means that it is not addressed by this European Standard.

For all requirements related to clinical investigations contained in the regulation and referred to in the following table: obligations attributed to the "sponsor" under ISO 14155 shall be incumbent under the Directive 90/385/EEC to the manufacturer if located in the EU/EEA/Turkey/Switzerland, and incumbent to the Authorized Representative otherwise. Both may refer to external service providers in order to fulfil their obligations.

Table ZB.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Annex I of Directive 90/385/EEC [OJ L 189]

Essential Requirements of Directive 90/385/EEC	Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks/Notes
5 a	Entire standard	Partial fulfilment of the ER, as regards 1) the documentation of clinical investigations of medical devices used in the clinical evaluation process as referred to in Annex VII.1.1 ^a and parts of Annex VII.2 listed below.
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Essential Requirements of Directive 90/385/EEC	Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks/Notes
Annex 7, 2.2	4, 5, 6.2, 6.3 and 8.4	ISO 14155 does not refer to a particular version of the declaration of Helsinki. The latest available version of the declaration of Helsinki must be taken into account. National/regional requirements for ethics in clinical research and for protecting the safety, wellbeing, health and rights of subjects must be observed.
Annex 7, 2.3.1	6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and Annex A	
Annex 7, 2.3.2	6.3, 6.4, A.2 i) and A.3 to A.6	
Annex 7, 2.3.3	6.3, 6.8, 7.3, 10.2, 10.3 and A.6	Covered provided that the investigation site's facilities are similar to the facilities required for the intended use of the investigational device.
Annex 7, 2.3.4	6.2, 6.3, 7.4, 9.2.5, 10.8 and A.3 to A.7	
Annex 7, 2.3.5	7.4, 9.2.5 and 10.8	
Annex 7, 2.3.6	6.5, 6.8, 9.2.1, 10.2, 10.3 and Annex B	
Annex 7, 2.3.7	8.4, 9.2.6, 10.6 r) and Annex D	
^a See MEDDEV 2.7/1, Section 6.3.		

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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 14155:2011), which has been technically revised. The main changes to the previous edition are as follows:

- inclusion of a summary section of GCP principles (see [Clause 4](#));
- reference to registration of the clinical investigation in a publicly accessible database (see [5.4](#));
- inclusion of clinical quality management (see [9.1](#));
- inclusion of risk-based monitoring (see [6.7](#));
- inclusion of statistical considerations in [Annex A](#);
- inclusion of guidance for ethics committees in [Annex G](#);
- reinforcement of risk management throughout the process of a clinical investigation (planning to consideration of results) including [Annex H](#);
- clarification of applicability of the requirements of this document to the different clinical development stages (see [Annex I](#));
- inclusion of guidance on clinical investigation audits (see [Annex J](#)).

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1 Scope

This document addresses good clinical practice for the design, conduct, recording and reporting of clinical investigations carried out in human subjects to assess the clinical performance or effectiveness and safety of medical devices.

For post-market clinical investigations, the principles set forth in this document are intended to be followed as far as relevant, considering the nature of the clinical investigation (see [Annex I](#)).

This document specifies general requirements intended to

- protect the rights, safety and well-being of human subjects,
- ensure the scientific conduct of the clinical investigation and the credibility of the clinical investigation results,
- define the responsibilities of the sponsor and principal investigator, and
- assist sponsors, investigators, ethics committees, regulatory authorities and other bodies involved in the conformity assessment of medical devices.

NOTE 1 Users of this document need to consider whether other standards and/or national requirements also apply to the investigational device(s) under consideration or the clinical investigation. If differences in requirements exist, the most stringent apply.

NOTE 2 For Software as a Medical Device (SaMD) demonstration of the analytical validity (the SaMD's output is accurate for a given input), and where appropriate, the scientific validity (the SaMD's output is associated to the intended clinical condition/physiological state), and clinical performance (the SaMD's output yields a clinically meaningful association to the target use) of the SaMD, the requirements of this document apply as far as relevant (see Reference [4]). Justifications for exemptions from this document can consider the uniqueness of indirect contact between subjects and the SaMD.

This document does not apply to *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices. However, there can be situations, dependent on the device and national or regional requirements, where users of this document might consider whether specific sections and/or requirements of this document could be applicable.

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 14971, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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