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Annex ZA
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Relationship between this European Standard and the General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 aimed to be covered

This European standard has been prepared under M/575 to provide one voluntary means of conforming to the General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 of 5 April 2017 concerning medical devices [OJ L 117] and to system or process requirements including those relating to quality management systems, risk management, post-market surveillance systems, clinical investigations, clinical evaluation or post-market clinical follow-up.

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Where a definition in this standard differs from a definition of the same term set out in Regulation (EU) 2017/745, the differences shall be indicated in this Annex Z. For the purpose of using this standard in support of the requirements set out in Regulation (EU) 2017/745, the definitions set out in this Regulation prevail.

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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 Regulation (EU) 2017/745. This means that risks have to be 'reduced as far as possible', 'reduced to the lowest possible level', 'reduced as far as possible and appropriate', 'removed or reduced as far as possible', 'eliminated or reduced as far as possible', 'removed or minimized as far as possible', or 'minimized', according to the wording of the corresponding General Safety and Performance Requirement.

NOTE 2 The manufacturer's policy for determining **acceptable risk** must be in compliance with General Safety and Performance Requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of the Regulation.

NOTE 3 When a General Safety and Performance Requirement does not appear in Table ZA.1, it means that it is not addressed by this European Standard.

Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 [OJ L 117] and to system or process requirements including those relating to quality management systems, risk management, post-market surveillance systems, clinical investigations, clinical evaluation or post-market clinical follow-up

General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745	Clause(s) / sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks / Notes
5	4.1.4, 4.1.5	Clauses 4.1.4 and 4.1.5 only partly covered in respect of reducing the risks related to use error by reducing the risks related to the ergonomic features of the washer-disinfectors (WDs). Aspects related to the environment in which the WD is intended to be used are not covered. Aspects related to manufacturing are not covered. Aspects related to the ***letter b)*** are not covered as well.
10.2	4.1.4, 4.1.5, 5.1.2, 5.2, 5.3	All clauses only partly covered in respect with the minimizing the risk posed by contaminants and residues to patients and the persons involved in use of the WD. Aspects related to the manufacture and packaging are not covered. Aspects related to the *transport and storage* are not covered as well.
10.3	4.5	Clause 4.5 only partly covers the requirement. Covered in respect with the safety use of WD with the water with which it enters into contact during intended use. WD devices are not intended to administer medicinal products, that's why the second part of this requirement is not covered. Aspects related to the

		manufacture are not covered.
14.1	4.1.4	Clause 4.1.4 only partly covers the requirement. Covered in respect to the first sentence only (combination and connection to the WD)
14.2 (a)	4.1.5, 4.1.7, 5.1.2, 4.1.6, 5.2 and 5.3	All selected clauses only partly cover the requirement. Covered in respect of reducing the risks of injury, in connection with WD physical and ergonomic features. Aspects related to the WD manufacturing processes are not covered.
23.4 (k)	7 a) – 7 e)	The selected clauses 7 a) – 7 e) only partly cover the requirement. Cover in respect of information to be supplied and needed to verify whether the device is properly installed and is ready to perform safely and as intended by the manufacturer. Aspects related to the *methods for eliminating the risks encountered by persons involved in installing, calibrating or servicing devices*, are not covered.

Table ZA.2 — Normative references from Clause 2 of this document and their corresponding European publications

Column 1 Reference in Clause 2	Column 2 International Standard Edition	Column 3 Title	Column 4 Corresponding European Standard Edition
ISO 4017	ISO 4017:2022	Fasteners — Hexagon head screws — Product grades A and B	EN ISO 4017:2022
ISO 5356-2	ISO 5356-2:2012 ISO 5356-2:2021/Amd 1:2019	Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Conical connectors — Part 2: Screw-threaded weight-bearing connectors	EN ISO 5356-2:2012 EN ISO 5356-2:2012/A1:2019
ISO 5361	ISO 5361:2023	Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Tracheal tubes and connectors	EN ISO 5361:2023
ISO 5362	ISO 5362:2024	Anaesthetic reservoir bags	EN ISO 5362:2024
ISO 5367	ISO 5367:2023	Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment - Breathing sets and connectors	EN ISO 5367:2023
ISO 15883-1	ISO 15883-1:2024	Washer-disinfectors — Part 1: General requirements, definitions and tests	EN ISO 15883-1:2025
ISO 17664-1:2021	ISO 17664-1:2021	Processing of health care products — Information to be provided by the medical device manufacturer for the processing of medical devices — Part 1: Critical and semi-critical medical devices	EN ISO 17664-1:2021
ISO 15883-5:2021	ISO 15883-5:2021	Washer-disinfectors — Part 5: Performance requirements and test method criteria for demonstrating cleaning efficacy	EN ISO 15883-5:2021
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The main changes are as follows:

— change of title to reflect application to critical and semi-critical medical devices;

— addition of new terms defining critical and semi-critical medical devices, and non-critical devices;

— alignment of other terms and definitions with ISO 11139:2018+Amd 1:2024;

— revision of cross-references to relevant clauses in ISO 15883-1:2024 and ISO 15883-5:2021;

— the upper limit of the washing temperature band reduced to +5 °C;

— addition of a clause on water quality (see 4.5);

— clarification of requirements for lumen and powered devices (see 5.1);

— addition of informative Annex B providing guidance on assigning a medical device to a product family for cleaning and thermal disinfection processes;

— revision of references in the Bibliography.

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