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## **0 Introduction**

This International Standard has been prepared to meet the need for good fitting and interchangeability of detachable blades for scalpels.

Scalpel blades and handles currently in use are manufactured with fitting dimensions that do not always ensure a satisfactory fit between blades and handles manufactured in different countries or by different manufacturers. A transitional period during which the fitting dimensions specified in this International Standard may be gradually adopted should last for five years and ends therefore on 31 December 1990.

## **1 Scope and field of application**

This International Standard lays down the dimensions of two sizes of fitting features for detachable scalpel blades and the handles with which they are used.