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Foreword

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Introduction

This Technical Report outlines an ISO/TC 84 recommended transition period for newly published standards. It describes the recommended plan and the rationale for transitioning from “old versions” or “outdated” standards, which have been updated or replaced by new ISO/TC 84 standards. It addresses the concepts of “Grandfathering” and “Transition Periods” relative to compliance requirements with new standards.

When new International Standards are issued, the standard is valid from the date of publication. When new versions of existing International Standards are issued, the new standard is valid from the date of publication and the previous version of the standard is withdrawn. In certain cases, the previous version can still be valid for a certain period of time.

As a new standard does not specify any transition period, this report provides guidance on code of conduct in relation to implementing standards in manufacturing medical devices covered by ISO/TC 84 standards.

New or revised standards might influence both development of new products or need for changes of marketed devices. Both issues are addressed in this report.

The intent of the transition period is to allow a reasonable amount of time for the development of the resources and test method/validation and documentation time to meet the new requirements and to fulfil the entire approval process.

The transition period also includes sufficient time for the manufacturer to work with a Notified Body (and in turn, Competent Authorities) to approve this change.

NOTE There can be legal or regulatory requirements that take precedence over the recommendations in this Technical Report.