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## European foreword

This document (EN ISO 11979-8:2017) has been prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 172 “Optics and photonics” in collaboration with Technical Committee CEN/TC 170 “Ophthalmic optics” the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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**Table 1 — Correlation between normative references and dated EN and ISO standards**

Normative references as listed in Clause 2 of the ISO standard	Equivalent dated standard	
	EN	ISO
ISO 11979-1	EN ISO 11979-1:2012	ISO 11979-1:2012
ISO 11979-2	EN ISO 11979-2:2014	ISO 11979-2:2014
ISO 11979-3	EN ISO 11979-3:2012	ISO 11979-3:2012
ISO 11979-4	EN ISO 11979-4:2008 + A1:2012	ISO 11979-4:2008 + Amd.1:2012
ISO 11979-5	EN ISO 11979-5:2006	ISO 11979-5:2006
ISO 11979-6	EN ISO 11979-6:2014	ISO 11979-6:2014
ISO 11979-7	EN ISO 11979-7:2014	ISO 11979-7:2014
ISO 11979-9	EN ISO 11979-9:2006 + A1:2014	ISO 11979-9:2006 + Amd.1:2014

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ISO 11979-10	EN ISO 11979-10:2006 + A1:2014	ISO 11979-10:2006 + Amd.1:2014
ISO 14155	EN ISO 14155:2011 + AC:2011	ISO 14155:2011 + Cor.1:2011
ISO 14630	EN ISO 14630:2012	ISO 14630:2012
ISO 14971	EN ISO 14971:2012	ISO 14971:2007

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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/023 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 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.

**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
7.2	9.1, 9.2	ER 7.2 is only met in respect of ethylene oxide and bacterial endotoxins and only in respect of manufacturing.
7.5	9.1, 9.2	ER 7.5 is only met in respect of ethylene oxide and bacterial endotoxins and only in respect of manufacturing.
8.1	9.1, 9.2	ER 8.1 is met in respect of ethylene oxide and bacterial endotoxins only.
8.4	9.1	ER 8.4 is met in respect of ethylene oxide sterilization only. Manufacturing is not covered.

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## ISO 11979-8:2017(E)

### Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 172, *Optics and photonics*, Subcommittee SC 7, *Ophthalmic optics and instruments*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 11979-8:2006), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 11979-8:2006/Amd 1:2011.

A list of all the parts in the ISO 11979 series can be found on the ISO website.

# Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses —

## Part 8: Fundamental requirements

### 1 Scope

This document specifies fundamental requirements for all types of intraocular lenses intended for surgical implantation into the anterior segment of the human eye, excluding corneal implants and transplants.

### 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 11979-2, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 2: Optical properties and test methods*

ISO 11979-3, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 3: Mechanical properties and test methods*

ISO 11979-4, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 4: Labelling and information*

ISO 11979-5, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 5: Biocompatibility*

ISO 11979-6, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 6: Shelf-life and transport stability testing*

ISO 11979-7, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 7: Clinical investigations*

ISO 11979-9<sup>1)</sup>, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 9: Multifocal intraocular lenses*

ISO 11979-10, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 10: Phakic intraocular lenses*

ISO 14155, *Clinical investigation of medical devices for human subjects — Good clinical practice*

ISO 14630, *Non-active surgical implants — General requirements*

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

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11979-1 apply.

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

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

<sup>1)</sup> ISO 11979-7 is under revision. The revised standard will incorporate multifocal intraocular lenses. When the revised standard is published, ISO 11979-9 will be withdrawn.

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### 4 Safety and performance

The safety and performance of an intraocular lens shall be demonstrated by pre-clinical and clinical evaluation, including suitable risk analysis in accordance with ISO 14971.

In cases where a test method referenced in this document is not suitable for a certain design or a certain application, an alternative test method devised by the manufacturer shall be validated, justified and documented.

### 5 Optical and mechanical properties

The manufacturer shall ensure that the intraocular lens conforms to applicable requirements in ISO 11979-2, ISO 11979-3, ISO 11979-9 and ISO 11979-10. The manufacturer shall record and justify any deviations from those standards.

### 6 Biocompatibility

The manufacturer shall have documented evidence that demonstrates the intraocular lens to be biocompatible by assessment in accordance with ISO 11979-5.

Manufacturers can take into consideration previous experience and data when determining the extent of further biocompatibility testing.

### 7 Clinical evaluation

The first step in the clinical evaluation is a review of the available literature (published and unpublished) in order to determine if that information is sufficient to demonstrate the safety and performance of the device (see ISO 14155). One option is to demonstrate that the new intraocular lens model is a minor modification of a model, the safety and performance of which has previously been demonstrated.

NOTE ISO/TR 22979 provides a framework for assessment whether or not a modification is minor.

If the clinical evaluation identifies the need for a clinical investigation, the requirements of ISO 14155 shall apply. In addition, the following standards apply depending on the type of the intraocular lens:

- a) ISO 11979-7 for monofocal intraocular lenses for the correction of aphakia;
- b) ISO 11979-9 for multifocal intraocular lenses for the correction of aphakia;
- c) ISO 11979-10 for phakic monofocal intraocular lenses.

### 8 Manufacturing

Intraocular lenses shall be manufactured in such a way that the specified design attributes are achieved.

### 9 Sterilization

#### 9.1 General

Intraocular lenses shall be supplied sterile. Sterilization shall adhere to the general provisions laid out in ISO 14630.

For sterilization by ethylene oxide (EO), the following applies:

- a) for the assay of EO residues, an exhaustive solvent or head space extraction method shall be chosen;
- b) the residue of EO in intraocular lenses shall not exceed 0,5 µg EO per lens per day, or 1,25 µg per lens;



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