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Introduction

This document provides requirements and recommendations on hygienic and safe tattoo practice to protect both the client and the tattooist against infection. It is essential to minimize infection risks caused by tattooing to clients, tattooists and others working in tattoo premises by use of appropriate hygiene procedures. Anyone carrying out tattooing is bound to be responsible for their own, their clients' and others' safety in respect of the tattooing process.

It is essential to also apply relevant European and national regulations, where they exist.

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EN 17169:2020 (E)**1 Scope**

This document specifies hygiene requirements before and during tattooing and for aftercare. It gives guidelines for tattooists and their routine interactions with clients and public authorities. It gives guidelines for the correct procedures to be used to ensure optimum protection of the client, the tattooist and others in the tattoo work area.

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.

EN 374 (all parts), *Protective gloves against chemicals and micro-organisms*

EN 455 (all parts), *Medical gloves for single use*

EN 1500, *Chemical disinfectants and antiseptics - Hygienic handrub - Test method and requirements (phase 2/step 2)*

EN 13060, *Small steam sterilizers*

EN ISO 11607-1, *Packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices - Part 1: Requirements for materials, sterile barrier systems and packaging systems (ISO 11607-1)*

EN ISO 17665-1, *Sterilization of health care products - Moist heat - Part 1: Requirements for the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices (ISO 17665-1)*

EN ISO 23907-1, *Sharps injury protection - Requirements and test methods - Part 1: Single-use sharps containers (ISO 23907-1)*

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:

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

3.1**aftercare**

care process following tattooing to promote optimal healing

3.2**body fluids**

fluids such as blood, serum and other fluids that may be contaminated with these substances that present a risk of infection transmission in the context of tattooing

Note 1 to entry: Bodily fluids such as tears, sweat or vomit do not present a specific tattooing hazard.

3.3**cleaning**

removal of foreign materials from a surface

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