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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 11979-5:2006), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- correction and addition of references throughout the document;
- added more specific guidance on risk-based approach throughout the document;
- added requirement to use state of the art analytical methods;
- update of apparatus lists where applicable;
- clarification of test material in [Tables 1](#) and [2](#), reference to ISO/TR 22979 when the IOL is a modification of a parent IOL and requirement for a biological evaluation plan added to [Clause 4](#);
- combination and re-writing of physicochemical test methods and their objectives in [Table 3](#) of [5.1](#);
- added requirement for physical/chemical description and contaminants in [5.2](#);
- revised order of tests in [6.1](#) for alignment with ISO 10993 and added subclauses for every test;
- clarification of ratio for material and extraction medium in biological tests in [6.1](#);
- principle and procedure of exhaustive extraction is explained in more detail ([Annex A](#));
- in hydrolytic stability, products are their own control for spectral transmittance and dioptric power ([Annex C](#));

- removed the allowance of representative test material for photostability testing, added the requirement to measure lens power and image quality ([Annex D](#));
- [Annex F](#) change from informative to normative;
- duration of subcutaneously or intramuscularly implantation increased from 4 weeks to 3 months ([Annex F](#));
- duration of ocular implantation test in rabbits reduced from 6 months to 3 months ([Annex G](#)).

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### **Introduction**

This document follows the general principles given in ISO 10993-1. ISO 10993-1 describes the principles governing the biological evaluation of medical devices, the definitions of categories based on the nature and duration of contact with the body, and selection of appropriate tests. Other parts of ISO 10993 present biological test methods, tests for ethylene oxide residues, tests for degradation and principles for sample preparation.

# Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses —

## Part 5: Biocompatibility

### 1 Scope

This document specifies particular requirements for the biocompatibility evaluation of materials for intraocular lenses (IOLs) including the processing conditions to produce them. These requirements include evaluation of physicochemical properties that are relevant to biocompatibility. It also gives guidance on conducting an ocular implantation test.

### 2 Normative references

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ISO 10993-2, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 2: Animal welfare requirements*

ISO 10993-3, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 3: Tests for genotoxicity, carcinogenicity and reproductive toxicity*

ISO 10993-5, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 5: Tests for in vitro cytotoxicity*

ISO 10993-6, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 6: Tests for local effects after implantation*

ISO 10993-10, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 10: Tests for irritation and skin sensitization*

ISO 10993-12, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 12: Sample preparation and reference materials*

ISO 10993-17, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 17: Establishment of allowable limits for leachable substances*

ISO 11979-1, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 1: Vocabulary*

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

ISO 18369-4, *Ophthalmic optics — Contact lenses — Part 4: Physicochemical properties of contact lens materials*

ISO/TS 21726, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Application of the threshold of toxicological concern (TTC) for assessing biocompatibility of medical device constituents*

ISO/TR 22979, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Guidance on assessment of the need for clinical investigation of intraocular lens design modifications*

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