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The text of document 62A/519/CDV, future edition 2 of IEC 60601-1-8, prepared by SC 62A, Common aspects of electrical equipment used in medical practice, of IEC TC 62, Electrical equipment in medical practice, and ISO SC 3, Lung ventilators and related devices, of ISO TC 121, Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment, was submitted to the IEC-CENELEC parallel Unique Acceptance Procedure and was approved by CENELEC as EN 60601-1-8 on 2007-04-11.

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This European Standard constitutes a collateral standard to EN 60601-1:2006, hereafter referred to as the general standard.

This EN 60601-1-8 was revised to structurally align it with EN 60601-1:2006 and to implement the decision of IEC SC 62A that the clause numbering structure of collateral standards written to EN 60601-1:2006 would adhere to the form specified in ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2:2004. The principle technical changes are in Clause 4, which now recognizes that there is a general requirement for a risk management process in EN 60601-1:2006.

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IEC 60601-1	2005	Medical electrical equipment - Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance	EN 60601-1	2006
IEC 60601-1-2 (mod)	2007	Medical electrical equipment - Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance - Collateral standard: Electromagnetic compatibility - Requirements and tests	EN 60601-1-2	2007
IEC 60601-1-6	2006	Medical electrical equipment - Part 1-6: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance - Collateral standard: Usability	EN 60601-1-6	2007
IEC 60651 A1 A2	1979 1993 2000	Sound level meters	EN 60651 ¹⁾ A1 A2	1994 1994 2001
ISO 3744	1994	Acoustics - Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure - Engineering method in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane	EN ISO 3744	1995
ISO 7000	1989	Graphical symbols for use on equipment - Index and synopsis	-	-

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Annex ZZ
(informative)

Coverage of Essential Requirements of EC Directives

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