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des céramiques (ISO 10993-14:2001)

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## **Foreword**

The text of ISO 10993-14:2001 has been prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 194 “Biological evaluation of medical devices” of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and has been taken over as EN ISO 10993-14:2009 by Technical Committee CEN/TC 206 “Biological evaluation of medical devices” the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by October 2009, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by March 2010.

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For relationship with the EU Directive, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

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## **Annex ZA**

(informative)

### **Relationship between this European Standard and the Essential Requirements of EU Directive 93/42/EEC on Medical Devices**

This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association to provide a means of conforming to Essential Requirements of the New Approach Directive 93/42/EEC on medical devices.

Once this standard is cited in the Official Journal of the European Communities under that Directive and has been implemented as a national standard in at least one Member State, compliance with the clauses of this standard given in table ZA confers, within the limits of the scope of this standard, a presumption of conformity with the corresponding Essential Requirements of that Directive and associated EFTA regulations.

**Table ZA — Correspondence between this European Standard and Directive 93/42/EEC on medical devices**

Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Essential Requirements (ERs) of Directive 93/42/EEC	Qualifying remarks/Notes
4, 5, 6	Annex I: 7.1, 7.2, 7.5	

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## Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

International Standards are drafted in accordance with the rules given in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

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International Standard ISO 10993-14 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 194, *Biological evaluation of medical devices*.

ISO 10993 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Biological evaluation of medical devices*:

- *Part 1: Evaluation and testing*
- *Part 2: Animal welfare requirements*
- *Part 3: Tests for genotoxicity, carcinogenicity and reproductive toxicity*
- *Part 4: Selection of tests for interactions with blood*
- *Part 5: Tests for in vitro cytotoxicity*
- *Part 6: Tests for local effects after implantation*
- *Part 7: Ethylene oxide sterilization residuals*
- *Part 8: Selection and qualification of reference materials for biological tests*
- *Part 9: Framework for identification and quantification of potential degradation products*
- *Part 10: Tests for irritation and delayed-type hypersensitivity*
- *Part 11: Tests for systemic toxicity*
- *Part 12: Sample preparation and reference materials*
- *Part 13: Identification and quantification of degradation products from polymeric medical devices*
- *Part 14: Identification and quantification of degradation products from ceramics*
- *Part 15: Identification and quantification of degradation products from metals and alloys*
- *Part 16: Toxicokinetic study design for degradation products and leachables*

- *Part 17: Establishment of allowable limits for leachable substances using health-based risk assessment*
- *Part 18: Chemical characterization of materials*

## **Introduction**

This part of ISO 10993 consists of two tests for the biological evaluation of medical devices: an extreme solution test and a simulation solution test. The extreme solution test is developed as a worst-case environment and the simulation test is developed as a very common environment.

Degradation products covered by this part of ISO 10993 are formed primarily by dissolution in an aqueous environment. It is recognized that additional biological factors such as enzymes and proteins can alter the rate of degradation. Degradation by such outside factors is not addressed in this part of ISO 10993.

It should be kept in mind that a ceramic device might have extraneous chemical phases and/or elements in extremely minor amounts. Whilst these components might not be named in the original specification, they can often be suspected by the relationship that the material in question has to other materials and the expected history of the material's processing.

Once identified and quantified, the chemical composition of the degradation products form the basis for risk assessment and, if appropriate, biological safety studies according to the principles of ISO 10993-1.

# Biological evaluation of medical devices —

## Part 14:

## Identification and quantification of degradation products from ceramics

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 10993 specifies two methods of obtaining solutions of degradation products from ceramics (including glasses) for the purposes of quantification. It also gives guidance on the analysis of these solutions in order to identify the degradation products. Because of the generalized nature of this part of ISO 10993, product specific standards, when available, that address degradation product formation under more relevant conditions of use, should be considered first.

This part of ISO 10993 considers only those degradation products generated by a chemical dissociation of ceramics during *in vitro* testing. No degradation induced by mechanical stress or external energy is covered. It is noted that while ISO 6872 and ISO 9693 cover chemical degradation tests, they do not address the analysis of degradation products.

Because of the range of ceramics used in medical devices and the different requirements for accuracy and precision of the results, no specific analytical techniques are identified. Further, this part of ISO 10993 provides no specific requirements for acceptable levels of degradation products.

Although these materials are intended for biomedical applications, the biological activity of these degradation products is not addressed in this part of ISO 10993.

### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 10993. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 10993 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 3310-1, *Test sieves — Technical requirements and testing — Part 1: Test sieves of metal wire cloth*

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 5017, *Dense shaped refractory products — Determination of bulk density, apparent porosity and true porosity*

ISO 6474, *Implants for surgery — Ceramic materials based on high purity alumina*

ISO 6872:1995, *Dental ceramic*

ISO 10993-1, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing*

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