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The CENELEC Questionnaire Procedure, performed for finding out whether or not IEC 601-1 : 1988 could be accepted without textual changes, has shown that no CENELEC common modifications were necessary for the acceptance as a European Standard. The Reference Document was submitted to the CENELEC members for formal vote and acceptance.

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- Latest date of announcement of the EN at national level (doa) 1990-09-01
- Date of latest publication of a new harmonized standard (dop) 1991-01-01
- Date of withdrawal of conflicting national standards (dow) -

This European Standard replaces HD 395.1 S2 : 1988. However, HD 395.1 S2 : 1988 remains valid until all parts 2 which are used in conjunction with it have been withdrawn. No date of withdrawal of conflicting standards (dow) has therefore been fixed.

NOTE. The General Standard applies, as far as is reasonable, to medical equipment not covered by a Particular Standard, in which case HD 395.1 S2 : 1988 is not to be used after 1994-06-01.

Foreword of amendment A1

At the request of the CENELEC Technical Committee TC 62: Electrical equipment in medical practice, amendment 1 : 1991 to the International Standard IEC 601-1 : 1988 was submitted to the CENELEC Unique Acceptance Procedure (UAP) in February 1992 for acceptance as a European Standard.

The text of the amendment to the International Standard was approved by CENELEC as amendment A1 to EN 60601-1 on 9 December 1992.

The following dates were fixed:

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Foreword of amendment A11

Following a decision by CENELEC Technical Committee TC 62: Electrical equipment in medical practice, a draft for an amendment to EN 60601-1 : 1990 was submitted to the CENELEC Unique Acceptance Procedure (UAP) in February 1992.

The aim of this draft was to split up the original annex ZA (normative) into a new annex ZA (normative) and an annex ZB (informative).

The text as prepared by CLC/TC 62 was approved by CENELEC as amendment A11 to EN 60601-1 on 9 December 1992.

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Foreword of amendment A12

Following a decision taken by CENELEC Technical Committee TC 62: Electrical equipment in medical practice, a draft for an amendment to EN 60601-1 : 1990 was submitted to the CENELEC Unique Acceptance Procedure (UAP) in February 1992.

The test prepared by CLC/TC 62 was approved by CENELEC as amendment A12 to EN 60601-1 on 9 December 1992.

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Foreword of amendment A2

The text of document 62A(CO)45, future amendment 2 to IEC 601-1 : 1988, prepared by SC 62A, Common aspects of electrical equipment used in medical practice, of IEC TC 62, Electrical equipment in medical practice, was submitted to the IEC-CENELEC parallel vote and was approved by CENELEC as amendment A2 to EN 60601-1 : 1990 on 1995-03-06.

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Foreword of amendment A13

This amendment was prepared by the Technical Committee CENELEC TC 62, Electrical equipment in medical practice.

The text of the draft was submitted to the formal vote and was approved by CENELEC as amendment A13 to EN 60601-1 : 1990 on 1995-07-04.

The following dates were fixed:

- latest date by which the amendment has to be implemented at national level by publication of an identical national standard or by endorsement (dop) 1996-07-01
- latest date by which the national standards conflicting with the amendment have to be withdrawn (dow) 1996-07-01

Annex ZD (normative) lists the special national conditions causing a deviation from this amendment for a transitional period ending at the latest at 2006-07-01.

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