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## **Foreword**

The text of ISO 10993-10:2010 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 10993-10:2013 by Technical Committee CEN/TC 206 "Biological evaluation of medical devices" the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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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 Union under that Directive and has been implemented as a national standard in at least one Member State, compliance with the clauses of this International Standard given in Table ZA.1 confers, within the limits of the scope of this European Standard, a presumption of conformity with the corresponding Essential Requirements of that Directive and associated EFTA regulations.

**Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Directive 93/42/EEC on medical devices**

Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this European Standard	Essential Requirements (ERs) of Directive 93/42/EEC	Qualifying remarks/Notes
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Annexes A, B and C	7.1 first and second indents only	ER 7.1 is only partly covered by EN ISO 10993-10, since the standard does not provide requirements on design and manufacture. However, this standard provides a means to assess irritancy and skin sensitization to substances used in the manufacture of medical devices. Other forms of toxicity and flammability are not covered.
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Annexes A, B and C	7.2	ER 7.2 is only partly covered by EN ISO 10993-10, since the standard does not provide requirements on design, manufacture and packaging. However, this standard provides a means to assess irritancy and skin sensitization to contaminants and residues in medical devices.
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Annexes A, B and C	7.5 first sentence of the first paragraph only.	ER 7.5 is only partly covered by EN ISO 10993-10, since the standard does not provide requirements on design and manufacture. However, this standard provides a means to assess irritancy and skin sensitization to substances leaking from medical devices

**General Note:** Presumption of conformity depends on also complying with all relevant clauses/subclauses of EN ISO 10993-1.

**WARNING — Other requirements and other EU Directives may be applicable to the product(s) falling within the scope of this standard.**



## Annex ZB (informative)

### Relationship between this European Standard and the Essential Requirements of EU Directive 90/385/EEC on Active Implantable Medical Devices

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Once this Standard is cited in the Official Journal of the European Union under that Directive and has been implemented as a national standard in at least one Member State, compliance with the clauses of this International Standard given in Table ZB.1 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 ZB.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Directive 90/385/EEC on Active Implantable Medical Devices**

Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this European Standard	Essential Requirements (ERs) of Directive 90/385/EEC	Qualifying remarks/Notes
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Annexes A, B and C	9, first and second indents only	ER 9 is only partly covered by EN ISO 10993-10, since the standard does not provide requirements on design and manufacture. However, this standard provides a means to assess irritancy and skin sensitization to substances used in the manufacture of medical devices. Other forms of toxicity are not covered.

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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.

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ISO 10993-10 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 194, *Biological evaluation of medical devices*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 10993-10:2002), which has been technically revised.

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

- *Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*
- *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 9: Framework for identification and quantification of potential degradation products*
- *Part 10: Tests for irritation and skin sensitization*
- *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*
- *Part 18: Chemical characterization of materials*
- *Part 19: Physico-chemical, morphological and topographical characterization of materials* [Technical Specification]
- *Part 20: Principles and methods for immunotoxicology testing of medical devices* [Technical Specification]

## Introduction

This part of ISO 10993 assesses possible contact hazards from chemicals released from medical devices, which may produce skin and mucosal irritation, eye irritation or skin sensitization.

Some materials that are included in medical devices have been tested, and their skin or mucosal irritation or sensitization potential has been documented. Other materials and their chemical components have not been tested and may induce adverse effects when in contact with human tissue. The manufacturer is thus obliged to evaluate each device for potential adverse effects prior to marketing.

Traditionally, small animal tests are performed prior to testing on humans to help predict human response. More recently, *in vitro* tests as well as human tests have been added as adjuncts or alternatives. Despite progress and considerable effort in this direction, a review of findings suggests that currently no satisfactory *in vitro* test has been devised to eliminate the requirement for *in vivo* testing. Where appropriate, the preliminary use of *in vitro* methods is encouraged for screening purposes prior to animal testing. In order to reduce the number of animals used, this part of ISO 10993 presents a step-wise approach, with review and analysis of test results at each stage. An animal test is usually required prior to human testing.

It is intended that these studies be conducted using Good Laboratory Practice and comply with regulations related to animal welfare. Statistical analysis of data is recommended and should be used whenever appropriate.

This part of ISO 10993 is intended for use by professionals, appropriately qualified by training and experience, who are able to interpret its requirements and judge the outcomes of the evaluation for each medical device, taking into consideration all the factors relevant to the device, its intended use and the current knowledge of the medical device provided by review of the scientific literature and previous clinical experience.

The tests included in this part of ISO 10993 are important tools for the development of safe products, provided that these are executed and interpreted by trained personnel.

This part of ISO 10993 is based on numerous standards and guidelines, including OECD Guidelines, U.S. Pharmacopoeia and the European Pharmacopoeia. It is intended to be the basic document for the selection and conduct of tests enabling evaluation of irritation and dermal sensitization responses relevant to safety of medical materials and devices.



# Biological evaluation of medical devices —

## Part 10:

## Tests for irritation and skin sensitization

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 10993 describes the procedure for the assessment of medical devices and their constituent materials with regard to their potential to produce irritation and skin sensitization.

This part of ISO 10993 includes:

- a) pretest considerations for irritation, including *in silico* and *in vitro* methods for dermal exposure;
- b) details of *in vivo* (irritation and sensitization) test procedures;
- c) key factors for the interpretation of the results.

Instructions are given in Annex A for the preparation of materials specifically in relation to the above tests. In Annex B several special irritation tests are described for application of medical devices in areas other than skin.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

ISO 10993-1:2009, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

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

ISO 10993-9, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 9: Framework for identification and quantification of potential degradation products*

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

ISO 10993-13, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 13: Identification and quantification of degradation products from polymeric medical devices*

ISO 10993-14, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 14: Identification and quantification of degradation products from ceramics*

ISO 10993-15, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 15: Identification and quantification of degradation products from metals and alloys*

ISO 10993-18, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 18: Chemical characterization of materials*

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