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## **Foreword**

This document (EN ISO 10993-12:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 194 "Biological evaluation of medical devices" in collaboration with Technical Committee CEN/TC 206 "Biological evaluation of medical devices" the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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

Clauses of this European Standard	Essential Requirements (ERs) of Directive 93/42/EEC	Qualifying remarks/Notes
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	7.2 first sentence only	This standard provides a means of preparing samples to assess conformity with this part of this ER in conjunction with other relevant parts of EN ISO 10993 for the design and manufacture of medical devices. Packaging is not covered.
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	7.5 first paragraph only	This standard provides a means of preparing samples of medical devices to assess conformity with this part of this ER in conjunction with other relevant parts of EN ISO 10993.

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## **Annex ZB**

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**Table ZB.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard  
and Directive 90/385/EEC on active implantable medical devices**

<b>Clauses of this European Standard</b>	<b>Essential Requirements (ERs) of Directive 90/385/EEC</b>	<b>Qualifying remarks/Notes</b>
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	9 (first and second indents only)	This standard provides a means of preparing samples of medical devices to assess conformity with these parts of this ER in conjunction with other relevant parts of EN ISO 10993.

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## Foreword

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ISO 10993-12 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 194, *Biological evaluation of medical devices*.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 10993-12:2007), which has been technically revised.

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- *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*
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- *Part 18: Chemical characterization of materials*
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- *Part 20: Principles and methods for immunotoxicology testing of medical devices* [Technical Specification]

## **Introduction**

This part of ISO 10993 specifies methods of sample preparation and provides requirements and guidance for the selection of reference materials for the biological evaluation of medical devices.

It is important that sample preparation methods be appropriate for both the biological evaluation methods and the materials being evaluated. Each biological test method requires the selection of materials, extraction solvents and conditions.

This part of ISO 10993 is based on existing national and international specifications, regulations and standards wherever possible. It is periodically reviewed and revised.

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