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## **Foreword**

This document (EN ISO 11140-1:2014) has been prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 198 "Sterilization of health care products" in collaboration with Technical Committee CEN/TC 102 "Sterilizers for medical purposes" the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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

Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN ISO 11140-1	Essential Requirements (ERs) of Directive 93/42/EC	Qualifying remarks/Notes
5.9	7.2	release of toxic substances
6.2.2		transfer type 1
6.4.2		transfer type. 3 – 6
7.2		test procedure
5.8 g)	7.3, 1 <sup>st</sup> part	Interfering substances
5.8 h)		Safety precautions required during and/or after use
6.2.2		Bleed and offset
4.1; 4.2; 5; 6.1; 6.2; 7; 8	8.7	type 1 indicator
5.8	13.1	Instructions for use
5.6, 5.7	13.2	Symbols
5.4, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8 i), 5.8 k)	13.3 a), b)	Labelling
4		Classification of indicators
5.2		Critical variables and stated values
5.8 j)	13.3 c)	Labelling
5.4, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8 i), 5.8 k)	13.3 d)	Labelling
4		Classification of indicators
5.2		Critical variables and stated values
5.8 j)	13.3 e), f), g), h)	Labelling, expiry date.



Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN ISO 11140-1	Essential Requirements (ERs) of Directive 93/42/EC	Qualifying remarks/Notes
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5.8 g)		Interfering substances
5.8	13.3 j)	Instructions for use
5.8 h)	13.3 k)	Safety precautions
5.4, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8 i), 5.8 k)	13.3 l)	Labelling
4		Classification of indicators
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5.8	13.6 b)	Marking
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5.9		Toxicity declaration
5.8 g)	13.6 f)	Interfering substances
5.8 h)	13.6 g), h), j), k), l), m), n), o), p)	Instructions after use
5.9		Toxicity declaration

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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 198, *Sterilization of health care products*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 11140-1:2005), which has been technically revised.

ISO 11140 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Sterilization of health care products — Chemical indicators*:

- *Part 1: General requirements*
- *Part 3: Class 2 indicator systems for use in the Bowie and Dick-type steam penetration test*
- *Part 4: Class 2 indicators as an alternative to the Bowie and Dick-type test for detection of steam penetration*
- *Part 5: Class 2 indicators for Bowie and Dick-type air removal tests*

ISO 11140-2 has been withdrawn and replaced by ISO 18472.

**ISO 11140-1:2014(E)****Introduction**

This part of ISO 11140 specifies performance requirements and/or test methods for chemical indicators intended for use with sterilization processes employing steam, dry heat, ethylene oxide,  $\gamma$  or  $\beta$  radiation, low temperature steam and formaldehyde or vaporized hydrogen peroxide.

Additional requirements for indicators intended for use with other sterilization methods (e.g. other forms of moist heat sterilization) are not specifically provided in this part of ISO 11140; however, the general requirements will apply.

The requirements for specific test indicators (e.g. Bowie-Dick test indicators and indicator systems) are covered in other parts of ISO 11140.

Standards for sterilizers and for the validation and process control of sterilization describe performance tests for sterilizers and methods of validation and routine control, respectively.

This part of ISO 11140 is intended for manufacturers of chemical indicators and specifies the general requirements for chemical indicators. The categorization structure for chemical indicators is used solely to denote the characteristics and intended use of each type of indicator when used as specified by the manufacturer. This categorization has no hierarchical significance. The chemical indicators described in this part of ISO 11140 are categorized into six types. The chemical indicators within each of these categorizations are further subdivided by the sterilization process for which they are designed to be used. This part of ISO 11140 defines the requirements for Type 1 and Types 3 to 6. In subsequent parts of ISO 11140, the requirements for Type 2 indicators are categorized by their intended use. The use of the indicators and indicator systems, specified in this part of ISO 11140, is described in for example the ISO 11135, the ISO 17665- series, ISO 15882, EN 285, and EN 13060.

Resistometers are used to characterize the performance of the chemical indicators described in this part of ISO 11140, with the exception of Type 2 indicators. Requirements for resistometers are specified in ISO 18472. Resistometers differ from sterilizers. As sterilizers cannot duplicate resistometer conditions they should not be used to test the performance of chemical indicators. Sterilizers from different manufacturers and of different ages have significantly different cycle profiles; for example, prolonged preconditioning phases. Resistometers allow for precise control of the specific test cycle sequences in order to study the effect of process parameters on indicator performance under controlled, repeatable conditions. Guidance on the selection, use and interpretation of the results of chemical indicators is given in ISO 15882. Users of chemical indicators are expected to make reference to this part of ISO 11140.



# Sterilization of health care products — Chemical indicators —

## Part 1: General requirements

**WARNING** — The use of this part of ISO 11140 can involve hazardous materials, operations and equipment. This part of ISO 11140 does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with their use. It is the responsibility of the user of this part of ISO 11140 to determine the applicability of national or regional regulatory requirements and to establish appropriate occupational health and safety practices prior to use of any hazardous materials, operations and/or equipment.

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 11140 specifies general requirements and test methods for indicators that show exposure to sterilization processes by means of physical and/or chemical change of substances, and which are used to monitor the attainment of one or more of the process parameter(s) specified for a sterilization process. They are not dependent for their action on the presence or absence of a living organism.

**NOTE 1** Biological test systems are regarded as those test systems which are dependent for their interpretation on the demonstration of the viability of an organism. Test systems of this type are considered in the ISO 11138-series for biological indicators (BIs).

The requirements and test methods of this part of ISO 11140 apply to all indicators specified in subsequent parts of ISO 11140, unless the requirement is modified or added to by a subsequent part, in which case the requirement of that particular part will apply.

Relevant test equipment is described in ISO 18472.

**NOTE 2** Additional requirements for specific test indicators/indicator systems (Type 2 indicators) are given in ISO 11140-3, ISO 11140-4 and ISO 11140-5.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 8601:2004, *Data elements and interchange formats — Information interchange — Representation of dates and times*

ISO 11135:2014, *Sterilization of health-care products — Ethylene oxide — Requirements for the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 11137-1:2006, *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation — Part 1: Requirements for development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 11137-2:2013, *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation — Part 2: Establishing the sterilization dose*

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