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**General requirements for in vitro diagnostic medical devices
self-testing**

Exigences générales relatives aux dispositifs médicaux de diagnostic in vitro destinés à des auto-diagnostics

Allgemeine Anforderungen an In-vitro-Eigenanwendung

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This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive(s).

For information on the relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

This standard includes a Bibliography.

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Scope

European Standard specifies general requirements for in vitro diagnostic medical devices for self-testing in order to ensure that IVD MDs for self-testing are safe and suitable for the purposes as stated by the manufacturer.

This standard does not address medical aspects of IVD MDs for self-testing.

Normative references

European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. Normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. Subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication applies (including amendments).

EN 176, *Information supplied by the manufacturer with in vitro diagnostic reagents for self-testing.*

EN 92, *Instructions for use for in vitro diagnostic instruments for self-testing.*

EN 658, *Requirements for marking of in vitro diagnostic instruments.*

EN 3612, *Performance evaluation of in vitro diagnostic medical devices.*

IEC 61010-1:2001, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – General requirements (IEC 61010-1:2001).*

IEC 61326, *Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – EMC requirements (IEC 61326).*

Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

In vitro diagnostic medical device

Medical device which is a reagent, reagent product, calibrator, control material, kit, instrument, component or system, whether used alone or in combination, intended by the manufacturer to be used for the examination of specimens, including blood and tissue donations, derived from the human body, solely or primarily for the purpose of providing information concerning a physiological or pathological state, or concerning the safety and compatibility with potential recipients, or to monitor therapeutic response.

1 A specimen receptacle, whether vacuum-type or not, specifically intended by its manufacturer for the primary purpose of the preservation of specimens derived from the human body for the purpose of in vitro diagnostic examination is considered to be an in vitro diagnostic medical device.

2 Products for general laboratory use are not in vitro diagnostic medical devices unless such products, in their intended characteristics, are specifically intended by their manufacturer to be used for in vitro diagnostic examination.

Person

Individual who does not have specific medical education

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Marking

Information, in writing or as a graphical symbol, permanently affixed to a product

Examples for inscriptions are manufacturer's or distributor's trademark, model or type number, identification number, supply voltage, particular warnings.

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Permanently affixed

removable only with a tool or by appreciable force and able to withstand the effects of temperature, rubbing, liquids, reagents, and vapours encountered during normal use

Self-testing

performed in the home or similar environments by a lay person who will relate the result of the test to him- or herself
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Design criteria

Ergonomic and human factor aspects

The design of IVD MDs for self-testing shall take the following ergonomic and human factors into consideration:

1. Identification of intended users;

2. Ease of operation;

3. Ease of user maintenance;

4. Readability of the test results;

5. Ease of interpretation of the instructions for use;

6. Ease of verification by the user of the correct functioning of the IVD MD for self-testing;

7. Reasonably foreseeable variations in the way in which the user performs the test;

8. Reasonably foreseeable variations in the environment in which the test is performed;

9. Reasonably foreseeable misuse.

Taking these factors into account, consideration shall be given to potential limitations in skills and capabilities of the user for whom the IVD MD for self-testing is intended.

Electromagnetic compatibility

EN 60601-1:2001, clause 26 shall apply, if relevant.

Protection against electric shock

EN 60601-1:2001, clause 6, shall apply, if relevant.

Protection against mechanical hazards

EN 60601-1:2001, clause 7, shall apply, if relevant.

Mechanical resistance to shock, vibration and impact

EN 60601-1:2001, clause 8, shall apply, if relevant.

Equipment temperature exposure limits

EN 1010-1:2001, clause 10, shall apply.

Resistance to heat

EN 1010-1:2001, clause 10 as well as 12.3 and 12.4, shall apply.

Additionally, it shall be taken into account that heat may be generated by natural sunlight and other sources.

Resistance to moisture and liquids

EN 1010-1:2001, 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3, shall apply.

Protection against liberated gases, explosion and implosion

EN 1010-1:2001, 13.1 and 13.2, shall apply, if relevant.

Components

EN 1010-1:2001, 14.1, 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6, shall apply.

Risk analysis

The manufacturer shall decide on the acceptability of potential risk of such factors as:

- unforeseen use of the IVD MD for self-testing in a potentially unsuitable environment (e. g. travel, etc.);
- limitations of skills and means available to lay users;
- limitations of specified performance characteristics;
- probability of occurrence of failure;
- consequence of a failure;
- inappropriate disposal.

NOTE This subclause refers to EN 1441. This standard does not stipulate levels of acceptability which, being determined by a multiplicity of factors, cannot by their nature be set down in such a standard. This standard is not intended to provide guidance on management of risks. Furthermore, it is not intended to cover decision-making procedures for the assessment of the indications and contra-indications for the use of a particular IVD MD for self-testing.

Design change

Changes to the design of an IVD MD for self-testing which are made after it has been put onto the market shall be controlled.

- the specifications;
- the performance;
- the marking and information supplied by the manufacturer if ignoring such changes could lead to incorrect test results;

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ects of safety of the user or a third party

regarded as significant. Such changes shall be submitted to risk analysis and evaluation.

Markings and information supplied by the manufacturer

Markings and labels of IVD MDs for self-testing

an IVD MD for self-testing involves the use of an instrument, the marking of the instrument s
nce with EN 1658. In addition, the IVD instruments for self-testing shall bear the following m
ate, e. g. if not noted in the instructions for use of the instrument or on the label or in the instructions
ents necessary to perform the respective self-testing:

nded purpose;

atement that the instrument is intended for self-testing;

ference to the instructions for use.

n IVD MD for self-testing involves the use of a reagent, reagent product, calibrator, control material,
asumables, these elements shall be labelled according to EN 376.

Instructions for use of IVD MDs for self-testing

uctions for use of instruments shall be in accordance with the requirements given in EN 592.

uctions for use of reagents, reagent products, calibrators, control materials, kits and/or other cor
n accordance with the requirements given in EN 376.

Performance evaluation

2 shall apply.

User verification

ification, if reasonably possible, shall allow the user to check at the time of use

ect functioning of the IVD MD for self-testing, i. e. system control,

ect execution of the test including sequence of the procedural steps.

the time of use" means immediately before, during, or immediately after the execution of the respective self-test

ification shall be integrated into the test wherever reasonably possible. User verification sh
ous information. The instructions for use shall clearly and in simple terms state what to do if the v
an invalid result.

Annex ZA

(informative)

Clauses of this European Standard addressing essential requirements of provisions of EU Directives

This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of the EU Directive 98/79/EC.

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

The following clauses of this standard, as detailed in Table ZA.1, are likely to support requirements of the EU Directive 98/79/EC.

Compliance with these clauses of this standard provides one means of conforming to the specific requirements of the Directive concerned and associated EFTA regulations.

Table ZA.1 – Correspondence between this European Standard and EU Directive 98/79/EC

Clauses/subclauses of this European Standard	Essential requirements of EU Directive 98/79/EC	Qualifying remarks
	B.3.3.1, B.3.6, B.7, B.7.1, B.7.2, B.8.7 (t)	
	B.3.3, B.6.2	
	B.3.3.2, B.6.3, B.6.4.4	
	B.3.3.1, B.6.4	
	B.6.4.2	
	B.3.3.2	
	B.3.3.2	
	B.1.2	
	B.3.4	
	B.3.1	
	A.1, A.2, A.4, A.5	
	B.8, B.8.4	
	B.8, B.8.7,	
	B.7.2, B.8.7 (t)	

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