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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by the Technical Committee CEN/TC 257 "Terminology, symbols and information provided with medical devices" the secretariat of which is held by SFS.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by November 1996, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by November 1996 .

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 EU Directive(s).

For relationship with EU Directives, see informative Annexes ZA and ZB, which are an integral part of this standard.

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Introduction

This European Standard has been prepared to reduce the need for multiple translation of words into national languages, to simplify labelling wherever possible and to prevent separate development of different symbols to convey the same information. It has been prepared to harmonize the presentation of information required by all EEC Directives on medical devices including active implantable and in vitro diagnostic medical devices (in the course of preparation).

The meaning of some of these symbols is self-evident. Some are already in widespread use and familiar to health care professionals. The meaning of others will become clear with use or when viewed in the context of the device itself. If appropriate the meaning of symbols should be explained in accompanying literature when provided. Symbols used with medical devices for use by other than health care professionals can require additional explanations.

It is not always possible to develop symbols for all information presented with the device. Not all symbols are appropriate for all types of medical devices. The validity of information conveyed by a symbol can be adversely affected by subsequent events e.g. damage to a package can affect the sterility of a device.

Annex A provides examples of how each of the symbols can be used. These are illustrative only and do not represent the only ways in which the requirements of this standard can be met. An additional informative bibliography is given in Annex B.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies graphical symbols for use in the information supplied by the manufacturer with medical devices.

NOTE: This standard does not specify the circumstances under which particular symbols are used. Guidance on this is given in prEN 1041.

2 Normative references

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

EN 556	Sterilization of medical devices - Requirements for medical devices to be labelled "Sterile"
EN 28601:1992	Data elements and interchange formats - Information interchange - Representation of dates and times (ISO 8601, 1st edition 1988 and technical corrigendum 1:1991).

3 General requirements

Graphical symbols used to convey the information given in 4.1 to 4.9 are given in this standard.

NOTE 1: Other symbols may be used to convey other information. Where graphical symbols are not taken from a Harmonized Standard, their meaning should be described in the documentation supplied with the device.

Enclosures shown in 4.1, 4.3, 4.6, 4.7.1, 4.7.2, 4.7.3 and 4.9 shall be included as part of these symbols.

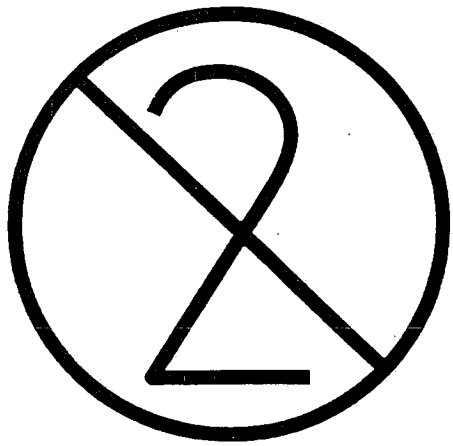
NOTE 2: The use of similar enclosures around other symbols is not precluded.

All symbols and accompanying information shall be legible when viewed under an illumination of 215 lx using normal vision, corrected if necessary, at a distance which takes into account the specifics and size of the individual medical device.

NOTE 3: Colours and minimum dimensions are not specified in this standard.

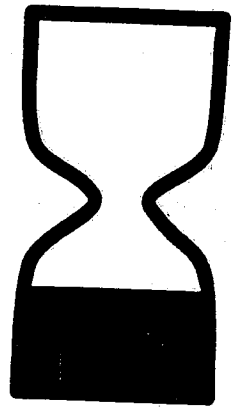
4 Symbols

4.1 Symbol for "DO NOT REUSE"



NOTE 1: This symbol is as given in ISO 7000/1051.
NOTE 2: Synonyms for "do not reuse" are "single use", "use only once".
NOTE 3: See Council Directive 93/42/EEC concerning medical devices, Annex I, 13.3 f.

4.2 Symbol for "USE BY"



This symbol shall be accompanied by the date expressed as given in EN 28601 as four digits for the year and two digits for the month and where appropriate, two digits for the day. The date shall be adjacent to the symbol.

NOTE 1: For example, June 1998 becomes 1998-06.
NOTE 2: The relative size and location of the symbol and the date are not specified.
NOTE 3: The symbol is intended to indicate that the device should not be used after the end of the month shown or the day, if applicable.
NOTE 4: Synonym for "use by" is "the time limit for implanting a device safely" for active implantable medical devices only.
NOTE 5: See Council Directive 90/385/EEC relating to active implantable medical devices, Annex I, 14.1 and Council Directive 93/42/EEC concerning medical devices, Annex I, 13.3 (e).

4.3 Symbol for "BATCH CODE"

This symbol shall be accompanied by the manufacturer's batch code. The batch code shall be adjacent to the symbol.

NOTE 1: Synonyms for "batch code" are "lot number", "batch number".
NOTE 2: The relative size and location of the symbol and the batch code are not specified.
NOTE 3: See the Council Directive 90/385/EEC relating to active implantable medical devices, Annex I, 11 and Council Directive 93/42/EEC concerning medical devices, Annex I, 13.3 (d).

4.4 Symbol for "SERIAL NUMBER"

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This symbol shall be accompanied by the manufacturer's serial number. The serial number shall be adjacent to the symbol.

NOTE 1: The relative size and location of the symbol and the serial number are not specified.

NOTE 2: See the Council Directive 90/385/EEC relating to active implantable medical devices, Annex I, 11 and Council Directive 93/42/EEC concerning medical devices, Annex I, 13.3 (d).

4.5 Symbol for "DATE OF MANUFACTURE"

For active implantable medical devices, the symbol shall be adjacent to the date expressed as four digits for the year and two digits for the month. For active devices the symbol shall be accompanied by the year. The year shall be expressed as four digits in accordance with 5.2.1.2 a) of EN 28601:1992.

NOTE 1: The relative size and location of the symbol and the date are not specified.

NOTE 2: See Council Directive 90/385/EEC relating to active implantable medical devices, Annex I, 14.1. and Council Directive 93/42/EEC concerning medical devices, Annex I, 13.3.(l).