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INTRODUCTION

The minimum safety requirements specified in this particular standard are considered to provide for a practical degree of safety in the operation of INFANT TRANSPORT INCUBATOR equipment.

This particular standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*, hereinafter referred to as the general standard.

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

A general guidance and rationale for the requirements of this particular standard are given in Annex AA.

It is considered that knowledge of the reasons for these requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of this particular standard but will, in due course, expedite any revision necessitated by changes in clinical practice or as a result of developments in technology. However, this annex does not form part of the requirements of this standard.

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE OF INFANT TRANSPORT INCUBATOR equipment, as defined in 201.3.211 of this standard, also referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to ME EQUIPMENT only, or to ME SYSTEMS only, the title and content of that clause or subclause will say so. If that is not the case, the clause or subclause applies both to ME EQUIPMENT and to ME SYSTEMS, as relevant.

HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEMS within the scope of this standard are not covered by specific requirements in this standard except in 7.2.13 and 8.4.1 of the general standard.

NOTE See also 4.2 of the general standard

This particular standard specifies safety requirements for INFANT TRANSPORT INCUBATORS but alternate methods of compliance with a specific clause by demonstrating equivalent safety will not be judged as non compliant if the MANUFACTURER has demonstrated in his RISK MANAGEMENT FILE that the RISK presented by the HAZARD has been found to be of an acceptable level when weighed against the benefit of treatment from the device.

This particular standard does not apply to:

- devices supplying heat via BLANKETS, PADS or MATTRESSES in medical use; for information see IEC 80601-2-35 [1]¹⁾;
- INFANT INCUBATORS which are not INFANT TRANSPORT INCUBATOR; for information see IEC 60601-2-19 [2];
- INFANT RADIANT WARMERS; for information, see IEC 60601-2-21 [3];
- INFANT PHOTOTHERAPY; for information, see IEC 60601-2-50 [4].

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for INFANT TRANSPORT INCUBATORS as defined in 201.3.211, which minimize HAZARDS to the PATIENT and OPERATOR, and to specify tests by which compliance with the requirements can be verified.

1) Figures between square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

201.1.3 *Collateral standards

Addition:

This particular standard refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in Clause 2 of the general standard and Clause 2 of this particular standard.

IEC 60601-1-2 ~~and IEC 60601-1-10~~ applies as modified in Clause 202 ~~and 210 respectively~~. IEC 60601-1-3 and IEC 60601-1-10 do not apply. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series apply as published.

201.1.4 * Particular standards

Replacement:

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in the general standard and collateral standards as appropriate for the particular ME EQUIPMENT under consideration, and may add other BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements.

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over the general standard.

For brevity, IEC 60601-1 is referred to in this particular standard as the general standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document number.

The numbering of clauses and subclauses of this particular standard corresponds to that of the general standard with the prefix "201" (e.g. 201.1 in this standard addresses the content of Clause 1 of the general standard) or applicable collateral standard with the prefix "20x" where x is the final digit(s) of the collateral standard document number (e.g. 202.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 203.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the 60601-1-3 collateral standard, etc.). The changes to the text of the general standard are specified by the use of the following words:

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"Addition" means that the text of this particular standard is additional to the requirements of the general standard or applicable collateral standard.

"Amendment" means that the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard is amended as indicated by the text of this particular standard.

Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of the general standard are numbered starting from 201.101. However, due to the fact that definitions in the general standard are numbered 3.1 through 3.139, additional definitions in this standard are numbered beginning from 201.3.201. Additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc., and additional items aa), bb), etc.

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The term "this standard" is used to make reference to the general standard, any applicable collateral standards and this particular standard taken together.

Where there is no corresponding clause or subclause in this particular standard, the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard, although possibly not

relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of the general standard or applicable collateral standard, although possibly relevant, is not to be applied, a statement to that effect is given in this particular standard.

SKIN TEMPERATURE SENSORS which are applied to operate a BABY CONTROLLED TRANSPORT INCUBATOR including the displayed value are considered to be not a CLINICAL THERMOMETER in the sense of the particular standard ISO 80601-2-56.

201.2 Normative references

Clause 2 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

NOTE Informative references are listed in the bibliography beginning on page 42.

Amendment:

IEC 60601-1-2:~~2007~~, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Electromagnetic compatibility – Requirements and tests*

Addition:

~~IEC 60601-1-10:2007, Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-10: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for the development of physiologic closed loop controllers~~

ISO 32, *Gas cylinders for medical use – Marking for identification of content*

ISO 407, *Small medical gas cylinders – Pin-index yoke-type valve connections*

201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1:~~2005~~, apply, except as follows:

NOTE An index of defined terms is found beginning on page 43.

Addition:

201.3.201

AIR CONTROLLED TRANSPORT INCUBATOR

INCUBATOR in which the air temperature is automatically controlled by an air temperature sensor close to a value set by the OPERATOR

201.3.202

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

average of temperature readings taken at regular intervals at any specified point in the COMPARTMENT achieved during STEADY TEMPERATURE CONDITION

201.3.203

AVERAGE TRANSPORT INCUBATOR TEMPERATURE

average of the INFANT TRANSPORT INCUBATOR TEMPERATURE readings taken at regular intervals achieved during STEADY TEMPERATURE CONDITION (see Figure 201.102)

201.3.204

BABY CONTROLLED TRANSPORT INCUBATOR

AIR CONTROLLED TRANSPORT INCUBATOR which has the additional capability of automatically controlling the INCUBATOR air temperature in order to maintain the temperature as measured by a SKIN TEMPERATURE SENSOR according to the CONTROL TEMPERATURE set by the OPERATOR

~~NOTE An INFANT TRANSPORT INCUBATOR operating as a BABY CONTROLLED INCUBATOR is a PHYSIOLOGIC CLOSED-LOOP CONTROLLER as defined in IEC 60601-1-10.~~

201.3.205

COMPARTMENT

environmentally-controlled enclosure intended to contain an INFANT and with transparent section(s) which allows for viewing of the INFANT

201.3.206

CONTROL TEMPERATURE

temperature selected at the temperature control

201.3.207

INFANT

PATIENT up to the age of three months and a weight less than 10 kg

*201.3.208

INFANT TRANSPORT INCUBATOR

TRANSPORTABLE ME EQUIPMENT that is equipped with a COMPARTMENT and a TRANSPORTABLE electrical power source with the means to control the environment of the INFANT primarily by heated air within the COMPARTMENT

201.3.209

SKIN TEMPERATURE

temperature of the skin of the INFANT at a point on which the SKIN TEMPERATURE SENSOR is placed

201.3.210

SKIN TEMPERATURE SENSOR

sensing device intended to measure the INFANT'S SKIN TEMPERATURE

201.3.211

STEADY TEMPERATURE CONDITION

condition reached when the TRANSPORT INCUBATOR TEMPERATURE does not vary by more than 1 °C over a period of 1 h (see Figure 201.102)

201.3.212

TRANSPORT INCUBATOR TEMPERATURE

temperature of the air at a point 10 cm above the centre of the MATTRESS surface in the COMPARTMENT (see Figure 201.101, point M)