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INTRODUCTION

During the preparation of IEC 60601-2-66, members of the involved technical committee and working group voiced concerns about the complexity of the document and its structure as part of the IEC 60601 series. Members felt distracted from the technical content by this complexity during reviews of the document stages. There was also concern that groups in the hearing instrument community would have problems to understand and apply the standard and that this could be an issue with its acceptability.

In order to have a broad consensus for the new standard it was agreed that the standard should be supported by this Technical Report, which should enable members of the community and the industry to have a basic understanding of the requirements of the standard, without the need to study the complete standard document and the documents that are referenced in it.

IEC 60601-2-66 was published to address the specific requirements for safety of hearing instruments, and it is entitled "Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of hearing instruments and hearing instruments systems". It was published because IEC 60601-1 is a general standard intended to address a wide range of medical electrical equipment – including large scale facilities such as MRI machines, for example – and thus has large sections that are not relevant to low-voltage, low power, subminiature hearing instruments.

If IEC 60601-2-66 was not published, test and regulatory organizations would probably have difficulty applying IEC 60601-1, because it does not contain specific guidance for hearing instruments. This Technical Report contains all the requirements from IEC 60601-2-66 which relate to hearing instruments, and reduces discussion with those that do not relate to hearing instruments.

It includes specific references to the applicable requirements within IEC 60601-1, and it is suggested that hearing instrument designers and manufacturers along with test and regulatory organizations read this Technical Report as an overview of IEC 60601-2-66.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS AND TESTS FOR PRODUCTS IN THE SCOPE OF IEC 60601-2-66

1 Scope

This Technical Report provides an overview of the requirements and tests of IEC 60601-2-66 in combination with the applicable sections of IEC 60601-1, and the collateral standards of the IEC 60601 series.

NOTE The IEC 60601 series consists of three levels of standards: IEC 60601-1, known as the general standard, several IEC 60601-1-X documents, known as the collateral standards and a series of particular standards covering requirements for specific types of equipment (IEC 60601-2-X).

It is intended to assist various groups involved in the product lifecycles process – like designers and suppliers – to get an overview of the basic requirements without studying all involved standard documents in detail. The table includes not all but just the more common requirements and tests.

It is crucial to understand that the summary in this document cannot serve as an input for a product requirement specification or as a test plan without consulting the standard document itself. This Technical Report alone cannot be used to establish or assess compliance to the standard.

The summary in Table 1 below does not preclude the user from reading the referenced standards in their entirety for a thorough knowledge of the basic safety of hearing instruments and hearing instrument systems.

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.

IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*

IEC 60601-2-66:2012, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-66: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of hearing instruments and hearing instrument systems*

3 Summary of requirements and tests

The reference column in Table 1 shows the clause number of IEC 60601-2-66:2012 and, if applicable the reference to IEC 60601-1:2005, or other documents. References to the particular standard, IEC 60601-2-66:2012 start with the number 201, while references to the general standard, IEC 60601-1:2005, start directly with the clause or subclause number.

Other documents will be referred to explicitly. Some detailed references, for example describing tools, are placed in the text instead of in the reference column.

Table 1 – Summary of requirements and tests

Reference	Subject	Requirements and tests
201.1.1 201.8	ACCESSORY	<p>Requirements:</p> <p>ACCESSORIES to HEARING INSTRUMENTS (e.g. remote control units, audio streamers, battery chargers, power supplies) need to have documented proof of compliance to IEC 60065, IEC 60950-1, the IEC 60601-1 or other applicable IEC safety standards. They form a HEARING INSTRUMENT SYSTEM when connected to the HEARING INSTRUMENT. Wherever this connection has an influence on the compliance to the requirements of IEC 60601-2-66 the HEARING INSTRUMENT has to pass the requirements while being connected to the ACCESSORY. If this connection results in additional requirements to the ACCESSORY, these requirements have to be fulfilled beyond the applicable IEC standards.</p> <p>Programming interfaces or ACCESSORIES in a clinical application are covered by IEC 60601.</p> <p>For HEARING INSTRUMENTS that are supplied by an external power source: If a particular separate power supply is specified then the relevant tests are performed with the HEARING INSTRUMENTS connected to it. If a generic separate power supply is specified, then the specification in the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS is inspected.</p> <p>Tests:</p> <p>Inspection of ACCESSORY documentation, test configuration</p>
201.4.1 201.4 4 5	TYPE TESTS	<p>TYPE TESTS are performed on a representative sample of the item being tested. If multiple products are under consideration, which have a similar mechanical and electrical architecture, then an engineering analysis by the MANUFACTURER may justify a single representative sample for a family of products.</p> <p>Testing conditions shall consider not just NORMAL USE but also reasonably foreseeable misuse. Misuse and faults shall be the subject and results of the RISK ANALYSIS. The instructions for use have to be considered in testing conditions.</p> <p>The equipment is tested under the least favourable working conditions.</p>
4.2 4.5 ISO 14971	RISK MANAGEMENT	<p>Requirements:</p> <p>A RISK MANAGEMENT complying with ISO 14971 shall be performed.</p> <p>Where IEC 60601-2-66 specifies requirements addressing particular RISKS, alternative means of addressing these RISKS are acceptable provided that the MANUFACTURER can justify that the RESIDUAL RISKS are the same or lower.</p> <p>Tests:</p> <p>Inspection of the RISK MANAGEMENT FILE</p>
4.4	EXPECTED SERVICE LIFE	<p>Requirements:</p> <p>The MANUFACTURER shall state the EXPECTED SERVICE LIFE of the HEARING INSTRUMENT in the RISK MANAGEMENT FILE.</p> <p>Tests:</p> <p>Inspection of the RISK MANAGEMENT FILE</p>
4.8 4.9	Components	<p>Requirements:</p> <p>Components, the failure of which could result in a HAZARDOUS SITUATION shall be used in accordance with their specified ratings. The reliability of components that are used as MEANS OF PROTECTION shall be assessed. They shall comply with the applicable safety requirements of a relevant IEC or ISO standard (options see 4.8).</p> <p>Tests:</p> <p>Inspection and, where necessary, test.</p>

Reference	Subject	Requirements and tests
7.1.3	Durability of markings	<p>Requirements:</p> <p>Markings shall be removable only with a TOOL or by appreciable force and shall be sufficiently durable to remain CLEARLY LEGIBLE during EXPECTED SERVICE LIFE.</p> <p>Tests:</p> <p>Markings are rubbed by hand, without undue pressure, first for 15 s with a cloth rag soaked with distilled water, then for 15 s with a cloth rag soaked with methylated spirit and then for 15 s with a cloth rag soaked with isopropyl alcohol.</p>
201.7.1.2 201.7.2.1	Legibility of markings	<p>Requirements:</p> <p>Markings shall be CLEARLY LEGIBLE when it is placed in the hand.</p> <p>The serial number and other markings shall be legible utilizing an optical aid if necessary.</p> <p>If the size of the HEARING INSTRUMENT does not allow affixation of all required markings, the markings shall be recorded in full in the instructions.</p> <p>Tests:</p> <p>Inspection and verification of the applicable requirements.</p>
201.7.2.2 7.3.3 7.4.2 7.8.2	Markings	<p>Requirements:</p> <p>HEARING INSTRUMENTS shall be marked with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the name or trademark of the MANUFACTURER; – a MODEL OR TYPE REFERENCE. <p>HEARING INSTRUMENTS shall be marked visibly on the outside or inside when the battery drawer is open, with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If needed: Identification of right and left HEARING INSTRUMENT. Right = red. Left = blue; – serial number. <p>HEARING INSTRUMENTS worn in the ear: The marking on the instrument may be reduced to the serial number and the identification of right and left.</p> <p>The type of battery and the mode of insertion shall be marked on HEARING INSTRUMENTS unless the design of the battery compartment prevents incorrect replacement of a battery</p> <p>Different positions of control devices and switches shall be indicated by figures, letters or other visual means.</p> <p>If the change of setting of a control could result in a RISK, such controls shall be provided with an indicating device or an indication of the direction in which the magnitude of the function changes.</p> <p>The colour red shall be used only for emergency controls.</p> <p>Tests:</p> <p>Inspection and verification of the applicable requirements.</p>
201.7.2.17	Protective packaging	<p>Requirements:</p> <p>If special handling measures have to be taken during transport or storage, the packaging shall be marked accordingly.</p> <p>Tests:</p> <p>Inspection and verification of the applicable requirements.</p>