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The main task of technical committees is to prepare International Standards. Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

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ISO 11137-2 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 198, *Sterilization of health care products*.

This first edition, together with ISO 11137-1 and ISO 11137-3, cancels and replaces ISO 11137:1995.

ISO 11137 consists of the following parts under the general title *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation*:

- *Part 1: Requirements for development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*
- *Part 2: Establishing the sterilization dose*
- *Part 3: Guidance on dosimetric aspects*

This corrected version of ISO 11137-2:2006 incorporates changes in the following subclauses:

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Introduction

This part of ISO 11137 describes methods that may be used to establish the sterilization dose in accordance with one of the two approaches specified in 8.2 of ISO 11137-1:2006. The methods used in these approaches are:

- a) dose setting to obtain a product-specific dose;
- b) dose substantiation to verify a preselected dose of 25 kGy or 15 kGy.

The basis of the dose setting methods described in this part of ISO 11137 (Methods 1 and 2) owe much to the ideas first propounded by Tallentire (Tallentire, 1973 ^[17]; Tallentire, Dwyer and Ley, 1971 ^[18]; Tallentire and Khan, 1978 ^[19]). Subsequently, standardized protocols were developed (Davis *et al.*, 1981 ^[8]; Davis, Strawderman and Whitby, 1984 ^[9]) which formed the basis of the dose setting methods detailed in the AAMI *Recommended Practice for Sterilization by Gamma Radiation* (AAMI 1984, 1991 ^[4], ^[6]).

Methods 1 and 2 and the associated sterilization dose audit procedures use data derived from the inactivation of the microbial population in its natural state on product. The methods are based on a probability model for the inactivation of microbial populations. The probability model, as applied to bioburden made up of a mixture of various microbial species, assumes that each such species has its own unique D_{10} value. In the model, the probability that an item will possess a surviving microorganism after exposure to a given dose of radiation is defined in terms of the initial number of microorganisms on the item prior to irradiation and the D_{10} values of the microorganisms. The methods involve performance of tests of sterility on product items that have received doses of radiation lower than the sterilization dose. The outcome of these tests is used to predict the dose needed to achieve a predetermined sterility assurance level, SAL.

Methods 1 and 2 may also be used to substantiate 25 kGy if, on performing a dose setting exercise, the derived sterilization dose for an SAL of 10^{-6} is ≤ 25 kGy. The basis of the method devised specifically for substantiation of 25 kGy, Method VD_{max} , was put forward by Kowalski and Tallentire (1999) ^[14]. Subsequent evaluations involving computational techniques demonstrated that the underlying principles were soundly based (Kowalski, Aoshuang and Tallentire, 2000) ^[13] and field trials confirmed that Method VD_{max} is effective in substantiating 25 kGy for a wide variety of medical devices manufactured and assembled in different ways (Kowalski *et al.*, 2002) ^[16].

A standardized procedure for the use of VD_{max} for substantiation of a sterilization dose of 25 kGy has been published in the AAMI Technical Information Report *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation sterilization — Substantiation of 25 kGy as a sterilization dose — Method VD_{max}* (AAMI TIR27:2001) ^[5], a text on which the method described herein is largely based. Method VD_{max} is founded on dose setting Method 1 and, as such, it possesses the high level of conservativeness characteristic of Method 1. In a similar manner to the dose setting methods, it involves performance of tests of sterility on product items that have received a dose of radiation lower than the sterilization dose. The outcomes of these tests are used to substantiate that 25 kGy achieves an SAL of 10^{-6} .

To link the use of VD_{max} for the substantiation of a particular preselected sterilization dose, the numerical value of the latter, expressed in kGy, is included as a superscript to the VD_{max} symbol. Thus, for substantiation of a sterilization dose of 25 kGy the method is designated VD_{max}^{25} .

Method VD_{max}^{15} is based on the same principles as Method VD_{max}^{25} described above. The test procedure is the same as Method VD_{max}^{25} , but VD_{max}^{15} is limited to product with average bioburden ≤ 1.5 . The outcomes of these tests are used to substantiate that 15 kGy achieves a sterility assurance level of 10^{-6} .

This part of ISO 11137 also describes methods that may be used to carry out sterilization dose audits in accordance with ISO 11137-1:2006, Clause 12. Following establishment of the sterilization dose, sterilization dose audits are performed routinely to confirm that the sterilization dose continues to achieve the desired SAL.

Sterilization of health care products — Radiation —

Part 2: Establishing the sterilization dose

1 Scope

This part of ISO 11137 specifies methods of determining the minimum dose needed to achieve a specified requirement for sterility and methods to substantiate the use of 25 kGy or 15 kGy as the sterilization dose to achieve a sterility assurance level, SAL, of 10^{-6} . This part of ISO 11137 also specifies methods of dose auditing in order to demonstrate the continued effectiveness of the sterilization dose.

This part of ISO 11137 defines product families for dose establishment and dose auditing.

2 Normative references

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

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

ISO 11737-1, *Sterilization of medical devices — Microbiological methods — Part 1: Determination of the population of microorganisms on product*

ISO 11737-2, *Sterilization of medical devices — Microbiological methods — Part 2: Test of sterility performed in the validation of a sterilization process*

ISO 13485, *Medical devices — Quality management systems — Requirements for regulatory purposes*

3 Abbreviations, terms and definitions

For purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11137-1 and the following apply.

3.1 Abbreviations

3.1.1

A

dose to adjust the median ffp dose downwards, to the FFP dose

3.1.2

*CD**

number of positive tests of sterility obtained from tests performed individually on 100 product items irradiated in a Method 2 verification dose experiment

3.1.3

d^*

dose derived from an incremental dose experiment performed on product items drawn from a given production batch

3.1.4

D^*

initial estimate of the dose to provide an SAL of 10^{-2} for the test items

NOTE Generally, it is the median of the 3 d^* values derived for a given product.

3.1.5

D^{**}

final estimate of the dose to provide an SAL of 10^{-2} for the test items, which is used in the calculation of the sterilization dose

3.1.6

DD^*

dose delivered in a Method 2 verification dose experiment

3.1.7

DS

estimate of D_{10} value of microorganisms present on product after exposure to DD^*

3.1.8

D value

D_{10} value

time or dose required to achieve inactivation of 90 % of a population of the test microorganism under stated conditions

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NOTE For the purposes of this document, D_{10} applies to the radiation dose only and not to time.

3.1.9

first fraction positive dose

ffp

lowest dose of an incremental dose series, applied to product items drawn from a given production batch, at which at least one of the associated 20 tests of sterility is negative

3.1.10

First Fraction Positive dose

FFP

dose at which 19 positives out of the 20 tests of sterility are expected to occur, calculated by subtracting A from the median of 3 ffp doses

3.1.11

First No Positive dose

FNP

estimate of the dose to provide an SAL of 10^{-2} for the test items, which is used in the calculation of DS

3.1.12

VD_{max}^{15}

maximal verification dose for a given bioburden, consistent with the attainment of an SAL of 10^{-6} at a specified sterilization dose of 15 kGy

3.1.13

VD_{max}^{25}

maximal verification dose for a given bioburden, consistent with the attainment of an SAL of 10^{-6} at a specified sterilization dose of 25 kGy

3.2 Terms

3.2.1

batch

defined quantity of product, intended or purported to be uniform in character and quality, which has been produced during a defined cycle of manufacture

[ISO/TS 11139:2006]

3.2.2

bioburden

population of viable microorganisms on or in product and/or sterile barrier system

[ISO/TS 11139:2006]

3.2.3

false positive

test result interpreted as growth arising from the product, or portions thereof, tested when either growth resulted from extraneous microbial contamination or turbidity occurred from interaction between the product, or portions thereof, and the test medium

3.2.4

fraction positive

quotient in which the number of positive tests of sterility is given by the numerator and the number of tests performed is given by the denominator

3.2.5

incremental dose

dose within a series of doses applied to a number of product, or portions thereof, and used in a dose setting method to obtain or confirm the sterilization dose

3.2.6

negative test of sterility

test result for which there is no detectable microbial growth from product, or portion thereof, subjected to a test of sterility

3.2.7

packaging system

combination of the sterile barrier system and protective packaging

[ISO/TS 11139:2006]

3.2.8

positive test of sterility

test result for which there is detectable microbial growth from product, or portion thereof, subjected to a test of sterility

3.2.9

sample item portion

SIP

defined portion of a health care product that is tested

3.2.10

sterile barrier system

minimum package that prevents ingress of microorganisms and allows aseptic presentation of product at the point of use