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FOREWORD

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Full information on the approval of this amendment can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

The committee has decided that the contents of the base publication and its amendments will remain unchanged until 2002. At this date, the publication will be:

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

The only significant amendment relates to the addition of an exclusion from subclause 56.3 c) of Amendment 2 of the General Standard, as this subclause was added to the General Standard amendment after the text of the 2nd edition of IEC 60601-2-18 had been finalized, and was therefore not taken into account during its preparation.

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Add the following after the SECTION 10 heading:

56 Components and general assembly..... 35

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INTRODUCTION

Replace the text of the first paragraph as follows:

This Particular Standard concerns the safety of ENDOSCOPIC EQUIPMENT. The relationship of this Particular Standard with IEC 60601-1 (including the amendments) and the Collateral Standards is explained in 1.3 and 1.5 respectively.

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1.3 Particular Standards

Replace the text of the instruction and the first three paragraphs of this subclause as follows:

Replacement:

This Particular Standard amends and supplements a set of IEC publications, hereinafter referred to as the "General Standard", consisting of IEC 60601-1: 1988, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety*, amendment 1, amendment 2 and associated Collateral Standards (see subclause 1.5).

For brevity, IEC 60601-1 is referred to in this Particular Standard either as the "General Standard" or as the "General Requirement(s)".

The term "this Standard" covers this Particular Standard, used together with the General Standard and relevant Collateral Standards.

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In the first line of the fourth paragraph on this page, replace "...clause of subclause...*" by "*...clause or subclause...*" (English version only).*

In the second line of the eighth paragraph on this page, replace "...irrelevant...*" by "*...relevant...*" (English version only).*

In the ninth paragraph on this page, replace the text as follows:

A requirement of this Particular Standard replacing or modifying requirements of the General Standard takes precedence over the corresponding General Requirement(s).

Add, after 1.3 the following new subclause 1.5:

1.5 Collateral Standards

Addition:

The following Collateral Standards apply to ENDOSCOPIC EQUIPMENT:

IEC 60601-1-1: 1992, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety – Section 1: Collateral Standard: Safety requirements for medical electrical systems*, amendment 1; IEC 60601-1-2: 1993, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety*, 2. *Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic compatibility - Requirements and tests,* and IEC 60601-1-4: 1996, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety*, 4. *Collateral Standard: Programmable electrical medical systems.*

2.1.4 APPLIED PART

Replace the subclause number by 2.1.5 so that it reads:

2.1.5 APPLIED PART

(English version only)

Amend the text at end of subclause 2.1.5, within the existing parentheses, as follows:

", see 17 *a)* and 17 *c)* of the General Standard"

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***2.1.103** ENDOSCOPIC EQUIPMENT

Delete the asterisk (*) from in front of the subclause number, so that it reads:

2.1.103 ENDOSCOPIC EQUIPMENT

2.1.104 HIGH FREQUENCY SURGICAL EQUIPMENT

Replace "IEC 601-2-2" *by* "IEC 60601-2-2".

2.1.105 LIGHT EMISSION PART

In the second line of this definition, replace "...end..." *by* "...forward...".

***2.5.101 CAPACITIVELY COUPLED HF CURRENT**

In the second line of this definition, replace "...endoscope..." *by* "...ENDOSCOPE..." (English version only).

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***6 Identification, marking and documents**

In the fourth line of the paragraph headed "Addition", *replace* "...distant..." *by* "...distal..." (English version only).

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After the item entitled f) MODEL OR TYPE REFERENCE, and before the line which reads "Additional item", add the following subclause title:

6.4 Symbols

aa) Additional markings

In the third line of this requirement, replace "...shall..." *by* "...may...".

6.8 ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

6.8.2 Instructions for use

***bb) Advice when used with HIGH FREQUENCY SURGICAL EQUIPMENT**

In the third line of requirement 1 of this item, on page 23, replace "...for each mode of intended use..." *by* "...for the mode(s) of intended use...".

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20 Dielectric strength

20.2 Requirements for EQUIPMENT with an APPLIED PART

In the item commencing "B-a", *replace* "...live..." *by* "...LIVE...".

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42 Excessive temperature

***42.3** *Replacement of requirement only*

In the fourth line of the second paragraph of item c) of this subclause, replace "...issue..." *by* "...tissue..." *(English version only).*

Replace the test requirement by:

Compliance with the above requirements is checked at an ambient temperature of 25 °C.

42.5 Guards

In the third line of this requirement, replace "IEC 417" *by* "IEC 60417".

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***42.101 Thermal hazards from the use of ENDOSCOPES and ENDOSCOPICALLY-USED ACCESSORIES which are the APPLIED PARTS OF HIGH FREQUENCY SURGICAL EQUIPMENT**

Replace the text of this subclause as follows:

a) INTERCONNECTION CONDITIONS for high frequency applications

Sufficient protection shall be provided between an ENDOSCOPE AND ENDOSCOPICALLY-USED ACCESSORIES which are the APPLIED PARTS of HF SURGICAL EQUIPMENT when used together to protect the PATIENT and/or OPERATOR from SAFETY HAZARDS associated with thermal energy.

Sufficient protection will be achieved if the insulation material is stable when subjected to thermal stress and the necessary dielectric strength is present.

The insulation may be provided either on the ENDOSCOPICALLY-USED ACCESSORY or on the ENDOSCOPE or a proportion on each.

This requirement replaces subclause 59.103.2 of IEC 60601-2-2, 3rd edition, for the INTERCONNECTION CONDITIONS of ENDOSCOPICALLY-USED ACCESSORIES which are the APPLIED PARTS of HF SURGICAL EQUIPMENT.

Compliance is checked as follows:

The tests shall be performed at a test voltage related to the RATED high frequency recurring peak voltage(s) specified by the manufacturer of the ENDOSCOPE and/or ENDOSCOPICALLY-USED ACCESSORY in the instructions for use (see 6.8.2 bb)), as detailed in the following test methods.

The purpose of these tests is:

– *to check the stability of the insulation material when subjected to thermal stress; and*

– *to check the dielectric strength of the insulation.*

Test samples representative of all the different insulation types and configurations used in the ENDOSCOPE *and/or* ENDOSCOPICALLY-USED ACCESSORY *shall be prepared and preconditioned by immersion in physiological saline solution for a period of at least 12 h, but no longer than 24 h, immediately prior to the tests.*

Those parts of the test samples which are not insulated in NORMAL USE shall be adequately protected against contact with the saline solution during preconditioning, and this protection shall be left in place during the tests.

1) Insulation material thermal stability test

A quantity of transformer oil is added to the saline solution, just sufficient to produce a visible continuous film on the surface, in order to reduce the curvature of the meniscus.

The test samples are partially immersed in physiological saline solution, so that a part of the relevant insulated portion of each test sample is positioned at the surface of the saline solution. Test samples which are long and flexible may be looped for this test.

Tests shall be performed on test samples for each of the main operating modes (or high frequency voltage modes with physically equivalent effects) specified in the instructions for use of the ENDOSCOPE *and/or* ENDOSCOPICALLY-USED ACCESSORY*, in accordance with the test procedures detailed below.*

The test voltage is applied for 30 s in such a manner that it stresses the insulation of the test sample.

– *Cut mode*

Apply an approximately sinusoidal voltage at a frequency of 400 kHz ± 100 kHz at 110 % of the RATED recurring peak voltage for cut mode specified by the manufacturer of the ENDOSCOPE *or* ENDOSCOPICALLY-USED ACCESSORY*.*

– *Coagulation burst mode*

Apply an approximately sinusoidal voltage with a decaying waveform at a frequency of 400 kHz ± 100 kHz at 110 % of the RATED recurring peak voltage for coagulation burst mode specified by the manufacturer of the ENDOSCOPE *or* ENDOSCOPICALLY-USED ACCESSORY*, such that the repetition rate of the peak pulse is 40 kHz ± 4 kHz. If the repetition rate is less than 40 kHz – 4 kHz, the test period of 30 s shall be increased so that the same number of bursts are experienced by the test sample as if a repetition rate of 40 kHz had been used.*

– *Coagulation spray mode*

Apply an approximately sinusoidal voltage with a decaying waveform at a frequency of 400 kHz ± 100 kHz at 110 % of the RATED recurring peak voltage for coagulation spray mode specified by the manufacturer of the ENDOSCOPE or ENDOSCOPICALLY-USED ACCESSORY such that the amplitude of the second pulse of the waveform is less than 50 % of the amplitude of the first pulse and the repetition rate of the peak pulse is 20 kHz ± 2 kHz. If the repetition rate is less than 20 kHz – 2 kHz, the test period of 30 s shall be increased so that the same number of bursts are experienced by the test sample as if a repetition rate of 20 kHz had been used, however a repetition rate less than 10 kHz shall not be used.

No breakdown of the insulation material shall occur in any mode tested.

2) Dielectric strength test

Immediately after the test(s) performed in accordance with 1) above, the following test shall be performed.

The same part(s) of the relevant insulated portion(s) of the test sample(s) are immersed in physiological saline solution.

Apply a DC or mains frequency peak test voltage to the test sample(s) which is 1 000 V greater than the maximum RATED recurring peak voltage specified by the manufacturer of the ENDOSCOPE *or* ENDOSCOPICALLY-USED ACCESSORY*.*