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## European foreword

This document (EN ISO 10993-15:2023) has been prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 194 "Biological and clinical evaluation of medical devices" in collaboration with Technical Committee CEN/TC 206 "Biological and clinical evaluation of medical devices" the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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## Annex ZA (informative)

### Relationship between this European Standard the General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 aimed to be covered

This European standard has been prepared under M/575 to provide one voluntary means of conforming to the General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 of 5 April 2017 concerning medical devices [O] L 117] and to system or process requirements including those relating to quality management systems, risk management, post-market surveillance systems, clinical investigations, clinical evaluation or post-market clinical follow-up.

Once this standard is cited in the Official Journal of the European Union under that Regulation, compliance with the normative clauses of this standard given in Table ZA.1 and application of the edition of the normatively referenced standards as given in Table ZA.2 confers, within the limits of the scope of this standard, a presumption of conformity with the corresponding General Safety and Performance Requirements of that Regulation, and associated EFTA Regulations.

Where a definition in this harmonised standard differs from a definition of the same term set out in Regulation (EU) 2017/745, the differences shall be indicated in the Annex Z. For the purpose of using this standard in support of the requirements set out in Regulation (EU) 2017/745, the definitions set out in this Regulation prevail.

Where the European standard is an adoption of an International Standard, the scope of this document can differ from the scope of the European Regulation that it supports. As the scope of the applicable regulatory requirements differ from nation to nation and region to region the standard can only support European regulatory requirements to the extent of the scope of the European Regulation for medical devices ((EU) 2017/745).

NOTE 1 Where a reference from a clause of this standard to the risk management process is made, the risk management process needs to be in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2017/745. This means that risks have to be 'reduced as far as possible', 'reduced to the lowest possible level', 'reduced as far as possible and appropriate', 'removed or reduced as far as possible', 'eliminated or reduced as far as possible', 'removed or minimized as far as possible', or 'minimized', according to the wording of the corresponding General Safety and Performance Requirement.

NOTE 2 The manufacturer's policy for determining **acceptable risk** must be in compliance with General Safety and Performance Requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of the Regulation.

NOTE 3 When a General Safety and Performance Requirement does not appear in Table ZA.1, it means that it is not addressed by this European Standard.

**Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 [OJ L 117] and to system or process requirements including those relating to quality management systems, risk management, post-market surveillance systems, clinical investigations, clinical evaluation or post-market clinical follow-up**

General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745	Clause(s) / sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks / Notes
10.1 a), b), c) and h)	4, 6 and 7	<p>10.1 a), b), c) and h) are only partly covered by ISO 10993-15, since the standard does not provide requirements on design and manufacture.</p> <p>However, this part of ISO 10993 provides considerations on how to plan a degradation study of metallic materials intended for use in medical devices in order to obtain quantitative degradation data as a basis for the safety evaluation of a medical device.</p> <p>Therefore, this standard provides a means to evaluate degradation risks associated with the metallic materials which are used.</p> <p>These tests are not intended to evaluate or determine the performance of the test sample in terms of mechanical or functional loading.</p> <p>For 10.1 a), flammability is not covered.</p>

NOTE 4 This part of EN ISO 10993 refers to ISO 10993-1 which itself refers to ISO 14971. In Europe, it should be assumed that the reference to ISO 14971 is to EN ISO 14971:2019/A11:2021.

**General Note:** Presumption of conformity depends on also complying with the relevant parts of the ISO 10993 series.

**Table ZA.2 — Applicable Standards to confer presumption of conformity as described in this Annex ZA**

Column 1 Reference in Clause 2	Column 2 International Standard Edition	Column 3 Title	Column 4 Corresponding European Standard Edition
ISO 3585	ISO 3585:1998	Borosilicate glass 3.3 - Properties	None For applicable standard edition see Column 2
ISO 3696	ISO 3696:1987	Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods	EN ISO 3696:1995
ISO 8044	ISO 8044:2020	Corrosion of metals and alloys - Vocabulary	EN ISO 8044:2020
ISO 10993-1	ISO 10993-1:2018	Biological evaluation of medical devices - Part 1:	EN ISO 10993-1:2020

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Column 1 Reference in Clause 2	Column 2 International Standard Edition	Column 3 Title	Column 4 Corresponding European Standard Edition
		Evaluation and testing within a risk management process	
ISO 10993-9	ISO 10993-9:2019	Biological evaluation of medical devices - Part 9: Framework for identification and quantification of potential degradation products	EN ISO 10993-9:2021
ISO 10993-12	ISO 10993-12:2021	Biological evaluation of medical devices - Part 12: Sample preparation and reference materials	EN ISO 10993-12:2021
ISO 10993-13	ISO 10993-13:2010	Biological evaluation of medical devices - Part 13: Identification and quantification of degradation products from polymeric medical devices	EN ISO 10993-13:2010
ISO 10993-14	ISO 10993-14:2001	Biological evaluation of medical devices - Part 14: Identification and quantification of degradation products from ceramics	EN ISO 10993-14:2009
ISO 10993-16	ISO 10993-16:2017	Biological evaluation of medical devices - Part 16: Toxicokinetic study design for degradation products and leachables	EN ISO 10993-16:2017

The documents listed in the Column 1 of table ZA.2, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document, i.e. are indispensable for its application. The achievement of the presumption of conformity is subject to the application of the edition of Standards as listed in Column 4 or, if no European Standard Edition exists, the International Standard Edition given in Column 2 of table ZA.2.

**WARNING 1** — Presumption of conformity stays valid only as long as a reference to this European standard is maintained in the list published in the Official Journal of the European Union. Users of this standard should consult frequently the latest list published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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