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Part 4: Syringes with re-use prevention feature

Seringues hypodermiques stériles, non réutilisables —

Partie 4: Seringues avec dispositif empêchant la réutilisation

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Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 84, *Devices for administration of medicinal products and catheters*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 7886-4:2006), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— terminology in Introduction is clarified;

— general reference update (Normative references, Bibliography and main body of the text);

— definitions for "active activation" and "auto-disable feature" added;

— test of syringes: Harmonized definitions with ISO 7886-3 and clarified text;

— Figure 1 is removed and substituted with a reference to the figure in ISO 7886-1;

— barrel dimension – the additional 20 % capacity is removed;

— dimensions in design section are clarified;

— alignment with ISO 7886-1 and ISO 7886-3;

— subclause 15.5, Guidance on material, has been removed;

— Figure 3 (safety box) is removed;

— Annex C is deleted.

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Introduction

The preparation of this document was recognized as a high priority requirement to prevent intentional (misuse) or accidental reuse of syringes. Re-use of injection equipment in the absence of sterilization has increasingly led to transmission of blood-borne pathogens. See Reference [5] in the Bibliography.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) had produced a specification for syringes that are rendered inactive after use [commonly referred to as "auto-disable" (AD) syringes] for both fixed dose immunization and syringes with re-use prevention features for general/curative purposes and the reconstitution of vaccines. For the purpose of this document, auto disabled is used for the feature of type 1 re-use prevention which operates automatically during or upon completion of the intended single use. Both the WHO and ISO agreed that additional parts of ISO 7886 would be required to cover syringes with re-use prevention features, while leaving in place ISO 7886-1 and ISO 7886-2 without modification, as a large number of devices in common use would not be intended to comply with the re-use prevention properties suggested.

This document is intended to cover syringes that are rendered inoperable, either during or upon completion or after delivery of the intended dose. These syringes are not covered by ISO 7886-1 and ISO 7886-3. ISO 7886-2 covers syringes used with power-driven pumps. Given the diversity of clinical applications, the most appropriate re-use prevention feature offering the highest level of re-use prevention is to be considered for each specific intended use.

It is recognized that syringes designed to reduce the risk of needle-stick injuries can also comply with this document with regard to their re-use prevention properties, but it is stressed that anti-needle-stick properties of syringes are not in themselves addressed in this document.

Guidance on transition periods for implementing the requirements of this document is given in ISO/TR 19244.

