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**ANNEX ZA (normative)****Normative references to international publications  
with their corresponding European publications**

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated references, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

Publication	Year	Title	EN	Year
ISO 8321-1	1991	Optics and optical instruments - Contact lenses - Part 1: Specification for rigid corneal and scleral contact lenses	EN ISO 8321-1	1996
ISO 10993-1	1992	Biological evaluation of medical devices - Part 1: Guidance on selection of tests (Technical Corrigendum 1:1992)	EN 30993-1	1994
ISO 10993-10	1995	Biological evaluation of medical devices - Part 10: Tests for irritation and sensitization	EN ISO 10993-10	1995

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## Foreword

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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.

International Standard ISO 9394 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 172, *Optics and optical instruments*, Subcommittee SC 7, *Ophthalmic optics and instruments*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 9394:1994), which has been technically revised.

Annexes A and B form an integral part of this International Standard. Annex C is for information only.

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## Introduction

The ocular tissue of the rabbit is the system traditionally used to evaluate the irritant properties of materials which come in contact with ocular tissue.

The use of the device under evaluation is governed by the nature, degree, duration, frequency and conditions of exposure of humans to the device in normal intended use.

It is incumbent upon the investigator to conduct such evaluations using good scientific laboratory practices, complying with regulations related to animal welfare and the general principles set forth in the normative references.

ISO 10993-1 is the basic horizontal International Standard for biological evaluation of medical devices, and serves as a framework for planning biological evaluation tests.

ISO 10993-10 assesses possible contact hazards from device-released chemicals that may produce skin and mucosal irritation, eye irritation and delayed contact sensitization.

Usage tests for specific devices are defined in vertical standards. This International Standard describes one of several specific usage tests for contact lenses and contact lens care products.

The existence of this International Standard does not imply that rabbit-eye testing is a requirement in the determination of biocompatibility of contact lenses and contact lens care products, nor that this test is sufficient by itself to determine the biocompatibility of contact lenses and contact lens care products. Taking into consideration animal welfare requirements (ISO 10993-2:1992), it is recommended that this *in vivo* test be carried out after obtaining data of *in vitro* toxicological testing such as described in ISO 9363-1, ISO 10340 and ISO 11986.

Testing by ocular study with rabbit eyes is to be regarded as a "disaster check" before entering human trials; it might be useful in certain situations (e.g. testing of new materials), but will not be required in many cases.

Care should be taken when extrapolating the test results to the human eye.

# Ophthalmic optics — Contact lenses and contact lens care products — Determination of biocompatibility by ocular study with rabbit eyes

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies an *in vivo* method of test to assess the ocular safety of contact lenses and contact lens care products. The test assesses the degree of irritation to the ocular tissue produced by the device under test. The test method is described in application to rabbit eyes.

## 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards. (standards.iteh.ai)

ISO 8321-1:1991, *Optics and optical instruments — Contact lenses — Part 1: Specification for rigid corneal and scleral contact lenses*.

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ISO 8321-2:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Optics and optical instruments — Contact lenses — Part 2: Specification for single-vision hydrogel contact lenses*.

ISO 10993-1:1992, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Guidance on selection of tests*.

ISO 10993-2:1992, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 2: Animal welfare requirements*.

ISO 10993-10:1995, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 10: Tests for irritation and sensitization*.

ISO/IEC Guide 25:1990, *General requirements for the competence of calibration and testing laboratories*.

## 3 General requirements

The general principles for biological evaluation and categorization of medical devices given in ISO 10993-1 shall apply. Tests shall be performed in accordance with ISO/IEC Guide 25.

Tests for irritation and sensitization of contact lenses and contact lens care products shall be carried out in accordance with ISO 10993-10.

The assessment of the results shall be carried out by appropriately experienced and competent personnel.

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