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The main changes are as follows:

- definitions of non-accommodative posterior chamber “simultaneous vision” (SVIOL) lenses that include the subtypes of MIOL (multifocal), EDF (extended depth of focus) and FVR (full visual range) IOLs have been added;
- definitions of properties related to SVIOLs have been added.

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# Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses —

## Part 1: Vocabulary

### 1 Scope

This document contains definitions of terms related to intraocular lenses as well as definitions related to the methods used to evaluate these IOLs.

NOTE The terms are listed in the alphabetical order of the English terms.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### **accelerated shelf-life study**

study to establish an initial expiration dating period by using exaggerated storage conditions by increased temperature to be validated by real time study

#### 3.2

##### **accommodating intraocular lens**

##### **AIOL**

IOL providing focusing from far point to near point by changing the dioptric power of the eye

#### 3.3

##### **accommodative amplitude**

difference in refractive power between the near point and the far point of the eye

#### 3.4

##### **addition power**

difference between the far power and the near power

#### 3.5

##### **additional wrapping**

protective packaging used in addition to the primary packaging which can be used to maintain sterility of the intraocular lens

#### 3.6

##### **anterior chamber lens**

IOL designed to be placed entirely in the anterior chamber of the eye