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# Introduction

Acupuncture is the vanguard in the internationalization of traditional Chinese medicine. It has been adopted and practiced in 196 countries or regions around the world. Transcutaneous electrical acupoint stimulation is a non-invasive acupuncture application.

Transcutaneous electrical acupoint stimulators (TEAS) have been produced to meet the need of this non-invasive acupuncture technique. Currently, many TEAS are available on the market. However, most manufacturers did not indicate the output parameters comprehensively. There are no international standards guiding the manufacture and processing to ensure safety and performance. The growing interest and increasing use of TEAS, combined with increasing patients' expectations and concerns about the safety and performance of transcutaneous electrical acupoint stimulation, have given rise to the need to improve the safety and performance through implementation of an International Standard.

It is extensively accepted that the output parameters are significant to ensuring the basic safety and essential performance of the TEAS.