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## Foreword

The text of ISO 10993-17:2002 has been prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 194 "Biological evaluation of medical devices" of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and has been taken over as EN ISO 10993-17:2009 by Technical Committee CEN/TC 206 "Biological evaluation of medical devices" the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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## Introduction

The determination of the suitability of a medical device for a particular use involves balancing any identified risks with the clinical benefit to the patient associated with its use. Among the risks to be considered are those arising from exposure to leachable substances arising from medical devices.

Risks associated with exposure to hazardous leachable substances are managed by identifying the leachable substances, quantifying the associated risks and limiting exposure within tolerable levels. This part of ISO 10993 provides a method by which maximum tolerable levels can be calculated from available data on health risks. Allowable limits may be based upon health risks that can be systemic or local, immediate or delayed, and range in severity from minor localized adverse effects to life-threatening risks. These allowable limits are intended to be derived, using this part of ISO 10993, by toxicologists or other knowledgeable and experienced individuals, capable of making informed decisions based upon scientific data and a knowledge of medical devices.

The allowable limits derived may be used by anyone. In addition to use by ISO, other standards-developing organizations, government agencies, regulatory bodies, and other users for setting allowable limits as standards or regulations, manufacturers and processors may use the allowable limits derived to optimize processes and aid in the choice of materials in order to protect patient health. Where risks associated with exposure to particular leachable substances are unacceptable, this part of ISO 10993 can be used to qualify alternative materials or processes.



# Biological evaluation of medical devices —

## Part 17: Establishment of allowable limits for leachable substances

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 10993 specifies a method for the determination of allowable limits for substances leachable from medical devices. It is intended for use in deriving standards and estimating appropriate limits where standards do not exist. It describes a systematic process through which identified risks arising from toxicologically hazardous substances present in medical devices can be quantified.

This part of ISO 10993 is not applicable to devices that have no patient contact (e.g. *in vitro* diagnostic devices).

Exposure to a particular chemical substance may arise from sources other than the device, such as food, water or air. This part of ISO 10993 does not address the potential for exposure from such sources.

### 2 Normative reference

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ISO 10993-1, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 10993, the terms and definitions given in ISO 10993-1 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

##### **allowable limit**

AL

largest amount of a leachable substance that is deemed acceptable on a daily basis, when taken into the body through exposure to a medical device

NOTE Allowable limits are expressed in dose to the patient for each applicable exposure period. The units used are mass per unit time, e.g. milligrams per day. These doses represent tolerable risks for medical devices under the circumstances of intended use.

#### 3.2

##### **benefit factor**

BF

numerical factor that takes into account the health benefit from use of the medical device(s) containing the leachable substance in question

### 3.3

#### **concomitant exposure factor**

CEF

numerical factor that accounts for patient exposure to many medical devices containing the same leachable substance

NOTE This factor is used to adjust the product of TI and body mass downward.

### 3.4

#### **default**

value to be used, in the absence of data, for an uncertainty or other factor used in the calculation of the allowable limit

### 3.5

#### **harm to health**

physical injury and/or damage to health

### 3.6

#### **health benefit**

likelihood of maintaining or improving health

### 3.7

#### **health hazard**

potential source of harm to health

### 3.8

#### **health risk**

combination of the likelihood of occurrence of harm to health and the severity of that harm

### 3.9

#### **health risk analysis**

use of available information to identify health hazards and to estimate health risk

### 3.10

#### **leachable substance**

chemical removed from a medical device by the action of water or other liquids related to the use of the device

EXAMPLE Additives, sterilant residues, process residues, degradation products, solvents, plasticizers, lubricants, catalysts, stabilizers, anti-oxidants, colouring agents, fillers and monomers, among others.

### 3.11

#### **lowest observed adverse effect level**

LOAEL

lowest concentration or amount of a substance found by experiment or observation which causes detectable adverse alteration of morphology, functional capacity, growth, development or life span of the target organism under defined conditions of exposure

NOTE Alterations in morphology, functional capacity, growth, development or life span of the target organism may be detected which are judged not to be adverse.

### 3.12

#### **minimally irritating level**

MIL

amount of a leachable substance that is minimally irritating to the patient

NOTE It is normally expressed in milligrams, although sometimes as milligrams per millilitre, in which case the value must be multiplied by the volume (millilitres) used to get the mass (milligrams).

### 3.13

#### **modifying factor**

MF

mathematical product of uncertainty factors  $UF_1$ ,  $UF_2$  and  $UF_3$

### 3.14

#### **multiple exposure**

more than one exposure of the same patient to devices containing the same leachable substance, simultaneously or at different times

### 3.15

#### **non-irritating level**

NIL

largest amount of a leachable substance that is not irritating to the patient

NOTE It is normally expressed in milligrams, although sometimes as milligrams per millilitre, in which case the value must be multiplied by the volume (millilitres) used to get the mass (milligrams).

### 3.16

#### **no observed adverse effect level**

NOAEL

greatest concentration or amount of a substance found by experiment or observation which causes no detectable adverse alteration of morphology, functional capacity, growth, development or life span of the target organism under defined conditions of exposure

NOTE Alterations of morphology, functional capacity, growth, development or life span of the target organism may be detected which are judged not to be adverse.

### 3.17

#### **physiologically based pharmacokinetic modelling**

##### **PBPK modelling**

system of modelling biological effects taking into account metabolic and pharmacokinetic differences among species of animal

NOTE Such data should be utilized whenever they are available.

### 3.18

#### **proportional exposure factor**

PEF

numerical factor for patient exposure to a leachable substance that accounts for the fact that a medical device is not typically utilized every day during the entire exposure category of interest

NOTE This factor is used to adjust the product of TI and body mass upwards.

### 3.19

#### **repeated use**

use of the same device by the same patient more than once without reprocessing

### 3.20

#### **safety**

freedom from unacceptable health risk

### 3.21

#### **simultaneous use**

use of more than one device by the same patient at the same time