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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee HE-011, Safe Disposal of Sharps and Clinical Waste. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian, rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

This Standard is identical with and has been reproduced from ISO 7740:1985, *Instruments for surgery—Scalpels with detachable blades—Fitting dimensions.*

The objective of this Standard is to specify the dimensions of two sizes of fitting features for detachable scalpel blades and the handles with which they are used.

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0 Introduction

This International Standard has been prepared to meet the need for good fitting and interchangeability of detachable blades for scalpels.

Scalpel blades and handles currently in use are manufactured with fitting dimensions that do not always ensure a satisfactory fit between blades and handles manufactured in different countries or by different manufacturers. A transitional period during which the fitting dimensions specified in this International Standard may be gradually adopted should last for five years and ends therefore on 31 December 1990.

1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard lays down the dimensions of two sizes of fitting features for detachable scalpel blades and the handles with which they are used.

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