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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 18562-4:2017), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

— added informative mapping annexes to relevant regulatory requirements;

— clarified terms and definitions used in the document;

— clarified the stepwise test procedure;

— required determination of volume of condensate that can reach the *patient*; and

— required calculating resulting *exposure dose*.

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Introduction

This document is intended to protect *patients* connected to *medical devices* from harmful amounts of substances that might be dissolved in water that has condensed in the *gas pathways* of those *medical devices*. This document represents the application of the best-known science by addressing the *risks* from potentially hazardous substances in the condensate being conveyed to the *patient* by the *gas pathway*. The condensate itself will be distilled water, having condensed from the vapour phase. But substances from within the *medical device* could leach into the liquid water (condensate) present in the breathing system.

This document is intended to cover the biological evaluation of *gas pathways* of *medical devices* within a *risk management process*, as part of the overall *medical device* evaluation and development. This approach combines the review and evaluation of existing data from all sources with, where necessary, the selection and application of additional tests.

In general, the ISO 10993 series is intended to cover the biological evaluation of *medical devices*. However, the ISO 10993 series does not appropriately address the biological evaluation of the *gas pathways* of *medical devices*.

It is not within the scope of this document to address contamination arising from the source of the breathing gases entering such *medical devices*, but rather only address the potential contamination generated from within the *medical device* itself. This contamination might be from the original manufacturing *process* or generated by the *medical device* itself during use.

This document is concerned with substances that could be conveyed to the *patient* by liquid condensate forming in the *medical device* and then subsequently reaching the *patient*. Potentially harmful substances that could be found in condensate include organic compounds and elements (such as metals). Condensate management is part of most healthcare institution protocols, with the primary aim of preventing the condensate reaching the *patient* in the first place. The absolute volume of liquid reaching a *patient* by this route should therefore be low, but it might happen. This document outlines tests for substances contained in the liquid.

The methods to determine the acceptable levels of contamination are contained in ISO 18562-1.

This document has been prepared in consideration of:

— the *Essential Principles of Safety and Performance of Medical Devices and IVD Medical Devices,* IMDRF/GRRP WG/N47:2018[16] as indicated in Annex B;

— the *Labelling Principles for Medical Devices and IVD Medical Devices,* IMDRF/GRRP WG/N52:2019[17] as indicated in Annex B;

— the *essential principles of safety and performance* of a *medical device* according to ISO 16142-1:2016 as indicated in Annex C; and

— the general safety and performance requirements of a *medical device* according to regulation (EU) 2017/745[18].

In this document, the following verbal forms are used:

— “shall” indicates a requirement;

— “should” indicates a recommendation;

— “may” indicates a permission;

— "can" indicates a possibility or capability.

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Part 4:
Tests for leachables in condensate

1 Scope

This document specifies tests for substances leached by liquid water condensing in *gas pathways* of a *medical device*, its parts or *accessories,* which are intended to provide respiratory care or supply substances via the respiratory tract to a *patient* in all environments. The chemical characterization methods described in this document apply to chemical substances that could leach from the *medical device*, its parts or *accessories* into the condensate. This document establishes verifiable acceptance criteria for these tests. The identity and quantity of each chemical released is intended for toxicological *risk assessment* as described in ISO 18562-1:2024.

This document addresses potential contamination of the gas stream arising from the *gas pathways*, which deliver breathing gas to the *patient*.

This document applies over the *expected lifetime* of the *medical device* in *normal use* and takes into account the effects of any intended *processing*.

This document does not address biological evaluation of the surfaces of *gas pathways* that have direct contact with the *patient*. The requirements for direct contact surfaces are found in the ISO 10993 series.

Medical devices, parts or *accessories* containing *gas pathways* that are addressed by this document include, but are not limited to, ventilators, anaesthesia workstations (including gas mixers), breathing systems, oxygen conserving devices, oxygen concentrators, nebulizers, low-pressure hose assemblies, humidifiers, heat and moisture exchangers, respiratory gas monitors, respiration monitors, masks, medical respiratory personal protective equipment, mouth pieces, resuscitators, breathing tubes, breathing systems filters, Y-pieces and any breathing *accessories* intended to be used with such devices. The enclosed chamber of an incubator, including the mattress, and the inner surface of an oxygen hood are considered to be *gas pathways* and are also addressed by this document.

This document does not address contamination already present in the gas supplied from the gas sources while *medical devices* are in *normal use*.

EXAMPLE Contamination arriving at the *medical device* from gas sources such as medical gas pipeline systems (including the non-return valves in the pipeline outlets), outlets of pressure regulators connected or integral to a medical gas cylinder, or room air taken into the *medical device*.

This document does not address contact with drugs or anaesthetic agents. If a *medical device* or *accessory* is intended to be used with anaesthetic agents or drugs, then additional testing can be required. This document is intended to quantify hazardous water-soluble substances that are leached from the *medical device*, its parts or *accessories* by condensate and then conveyed by that liquid to the *patient*.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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ISO 10993-1:2018, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ISO 10993-5:2009, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 5: Tests for in vitro cytotoxicity*

ISO 10993-10:2021, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 10: Tests for skin sensitization*

ISO 10993-12:2021, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 12: Sample preparation and reference materials*

ISO 10993-18:2020+AMD1:2022, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 18: Chemical characterization of materials within a risk management process*

ISO 10993-23:2021, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 23: Tests for irritation*

ISO 18562-1:2024, *Biocompatibility evaluation of breathing gas pathways in healthcare applications — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ICH Q3D(R2):2022,[1)] *Guideline for elemental impurities*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 18562-1:2024 and the following 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/

NOTE For convenience, an alphabetized index of all defined terms and their sources used in this document are given in Annex D.

3.1
exaggerated extraction
extraction that is intended to result in a greater amount of a chemical constituent being released as compared to the amount generated under the simulated conditions of use

Note 1 to entry: It is important to ensure that the *exaggerated extraction* does not result in a chemical change of the material.

[SOURCE: ISO 10993-12:2021, 3.3]

3.2
extractable
substance that is released from a *medical device* or material of construction when the *medical device* or material is extracted using laboratory extraction conditions and vehicles

[SOURCE: ISO 10993-18:2020+AMD1:2022, 3.16]

4 General principles

All *gas pathways* that are exposed to water or that are exposed to humidified gas, and within which water vapour can condense and subsequently reach the *patient* in liquid form shall be evaluated using the principles detailed in ISO 18562-1:2024.

NOTE Some parts of the expiratory *gas pathways* can allow condensed water to settle, and subsequently flow under gravity back towards the *patient*.

1) Available at: https://database.ich.org/sites/default/files/Q3D-R2_Guideline_Step4_2022_0308.pdf

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