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## European foreword

This document (EN ISO 11138-4:2017) has been prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 198 "Sterilization of health care products in collaboration with Technical Committee CEN/TC 102 "Sterilizers and associated equipment for processing of medical devices", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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- *Part 1: General requirements*
- *Part 2: Biological indicators for ethylene oxide sterilization processes*
- *Part 3: Biological indicators for moist heat sterilization processes*
- *Part 4: Biological indicators for dry heat sterilization processes*
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## Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 198, *Sterilization of health care products*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 11138-4:2006), which has been technically revised.

A list of all the parts of ISO 11138 can be found on the ISO website.

## **Introduction**

ISO 11138-1 specifies production, labelling, test methods and performance requirements for the manufacture of biological indicators including inoculated carriers and suspensions intended for use in validation and monitoring sterilization processes. This document gives specific requirements for those biological indicators intended for use in dry heat sterilization processes.

The ISO 11138 series represents the current “state-of-the-art” according to the experts representing manufacturers, users and regulatory authorities involved in developing the standard. The intent is not to promote the use of biological indicators where such use is not advised, but to provide common requirements for the production of those biological indicators that are known to be in use today.

A standard exists providing general requirements for the validation and control of dry heat sterilization processes (see ISO 20857).

**NOTE** It is possible that some countries or regions have published other standards covering requirements for sterilization or biological indicators.

Advice on selection, use and interpretation of results when using biological indicators can be found in ISO 14161.



# Sterilization of health care products — Biological indicators —

## Part 4: Biological indicators for dry heat sterilization processes

### 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for test organisms, suspensions, inoculated carriers, biological indicators and test methods intended for use in assessing the performance of sterilization processes employing dry heat as the sterilizing agent at sterilizing temperatures within the range of 120 °C to 180 °C.

NOTE 1 Requirements for validation and control of dry heat sterilization processes are provided by ISO 20857.

NOTE 2 Requirements for work place safety can be provided by national or regional regulations.

### 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.

ISO 11138-1:2017, *Sterilization of health care products — Biological indicators — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 18472, *Sterilization of health care products — Biological and chemical indicators — Test equipment*

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