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## European foreword

This document (EN ISO 11737-1:2018/A1:2021) has been prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 198 "Sterilization of health care products" in collaboration with Technical Committee CEN/TC 204 "Sterilization of medical devices" the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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For relationship with EU Directive(s) and Regulations, see informative Annex ZA and ZB, which are an integral part of this document.

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For undated references, the edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) listed below applies. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. However, for any use of this standard within the meaning of Annex ZA or ZB, the user should always check that any referenced document has not been superseded and that its relevant contents can still be considered the generally acknowledged state-of-art.

When an IEC or ISO standard is referred to in the ISO standard text, this should be understood as a normative reference to the corresponding EN standard, if available, and otherwise to the dated version of the ISO or IEC standard as listed below.

NOTE The way in which these referenced documents are cited in normative requirements determines the extent (in whole or in part) to which they apply.

**Table – Correlation between normative references and dated EN and ISO standards**

| Normative references<br>as listed in Clause 2 of the ISO<br>standard | Equivalent dated standard |                    |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|
|  | EN                        | ISO                |
| ISO 10012  | EN ISO 10012:2003         | ISO 10012:2003     |
| ISO 13485  | EN ISO 13485:2016         | ISO 13485:2016     |
| ISO 15189  | EN ISO 15189:2012         | ISO 15189:2012     |
| ISO/IEC 17025  | EN ISO/IEC 17025:2017     | ISO/IEC 17025:2017 |

NOTE The standards normatively referred to by ISO 11737-1:2018/Amd 1:2021 are undated. These referred standards also include normative references to other dated and undated standards. For undated normative references, it should always be assumed that the latest edition applies.

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The text of ISO 11737-1:2018/Amd1:2021 has been approved by CEN as EN ISO 11737-1:2018/A1:2021 without any modification.

## Annex ZA (informative)

### Relationship between this European standard and the General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 aimed to be covered

This European standard has been prepared under a Commission's standardisation request to provide one voluntary means of conforming to the General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 of 5 April 2017 concerning medical devices [OJ L 117].

This document is an adoption of an International Standard. As the scope of the applicable regulatory requirements differ from nation to nation and region to region, the scope of this document can differ from the scope of the European Regulations that it supports. This document supports European regulatory requirements only to the extent of the scope of the European regulations for medical devices ((EU) 2017/745).

Once this standard is cited in the Official Journal of the European Union under that Regulation, compliance with the normative clauses of this standard given in Table ZA.1 confers, within the limits of the scope of this standard, a presumption of conformity with the corresponding General Safety and Performance Requirements of that Regulation, and associated EFTA regulations.

**NOTE 1** Where a reference from a clause of this standard to the risk management process is made, the risk management process needs to be in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2017/745. This means that risks have to be 'reduced as far as possible', 'reduced to the lowest possible level', 'reduced as far as possible and appropriate', 'removed or reduced as far as possible', 'eliminated or reduced as far as possible', 'removed or minimized as far as possible', or 'minimized', according to the wording of the corresponding General Safety and Performance Requirement.

**NOTE 2** The manufacturer's policy for determining acceptable risk must be in compliance with General Safety and Performance Requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of the Regulation.

**NOTE 3** This Annex ZA is based on normative references according to the table of references in the European Foreword, replacing the references in the core text.

**NOTE 4** When a General Safety and Performance Requirement does not appear in Table ZA.1, it means that it is not addressed by this European Standard.

**Table ZA.1 – Correspondence between this European standard and Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 [OJ L 117]**

| General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 | Clause(s) / sub-clause(s) of this EN | Remarks / Notes  |
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| 11.3  | 4,5,6,7,8,9                          | This standard addresses the determination of bioburden in the validation and maintenance of a sterilization process for medical devices. It could also be applied in the development, validation and routine control of a process for attainment of a specific microbial state other than sterility. |

**EN ISO 11737-1:2018/A1:2021 (E)**

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|                          |             | This relevant General Safety and Performance Requirement is only partly addressed in this European Standard. Design and packaging for maintenance of a specific microbial state during transportation and storage are not covered. Aspects of manufacture other than those related to determination of bioburden in attainment of a specific microbial state are not covered.  |
| 11.4 first sentence only | 4,5,6,7,8,9 | <p>This standard addresses the determination of bioburden in the validation and maintenance of a sterilization process for medical devices.</p> <p>This relevant General Safety and Performance Requirement is only partly addressed in this European Standard. Design and packaging for maintenance of sterility during transportation and storage are not covered. Aspects of manufacture other than those related determination of bioburden in definition, validation and maintenance of a sterilization process are not covered. Evidence that the integrity of the packaging is maintained to the point of use is not covered.</p> |
| 11.5                     | 4,5,6,7,8,9 | <p>This standard addresses the determination of bioburden in the validation and maintenance of a sterilization process for medical devices.</p> <p>This relevant General Safety and Performance Requirement is only partly addressed in this European Standard. Packaging for maintenance of sterility are not covered. Aspects of manufacture other than those related to determination of bioburden in definition, validation and maintenance of a sterilization process are not covered.</p>  |

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**WARNING 2:** Other Union legislation may be applicable to the product(s) falling within the scope of this standard.

## Annex ZB (informative)

### Relationship between this European standard and the General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/746 aimed to be covered

This European standard has been prepared under a Commission's standardisation request to provide one voluntary means of conforming to the General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/746 of 5 April 2017 concerning in vitro diagnostic medical devices [O] L 117].

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**NOTE 1** Where a reference from a clause of this standard to the risk management process is made, the risk management process needs to be in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2017/746. This means that risks have to be 'reduced as far as possible', 'reduced to a level as low as reasonably practicable', 'reduced to the lowest possible level', 'reduced as far as possible and appropriate', 'removed or reduced as far as possible', 'eliminated or reduced as far as possible', 'prevented' or 'minimized', according to the wording of the corresponding General Safety and Performance Requirement.

**NOTE 2** The manufacturer's policy for determining acceptable risk must be in compliance with General Safety and Performance Requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of the Regulation.

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**NOTE 4** When a General Safety and Performance Requirement does not appear in Table ZB.1, it means that it is not addressed by this European Standard.

**Table ZB.1 – Correspondence between this European standard and Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2017/746 [O] L 117]**

| General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/746 | Clause(s) / sub-clause(s) of this EN | Remarks / Notes   |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| 11.2  | 4,5,6,7,8,9                          | This standard addresses the determination of bioburden in the validation and maintenance of a sterilization process for medical devices. It could also be applied to the development or validation of a process for attainment of a specific microbial state other than sterility. This relevant General Safety and |



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|      |             | Performance Requirement is only partly addressed in this European Standard. Design and packaging for maintenance of a sterility or another specific microbial state during transportation and storage are not covered. Aspects of manufacture other than those related to determination of bioburden in attainment of a specific microbial state are not covered  |
| 11.3 | 4,5,6,7,8,9 | <p>This standard addresses the determination of bioburden in the, validation and maintenance of a sterilization process for medical devices.</p> <p>This relevant General Safety and Performance Requirement is only partly addressed in this European Standard. Packaging for maintenance of sterility is not covered. Aspects of manufacture other than those related to determination of bioburden in definition, validation and maintenance of a sterilization process are not covered.</p> |

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**AMENDMENT 1**

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