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**ISO 6980-2:2023(en)****Introduction**

ISO 6980 series covers the production, calibration, and use of reference beta-particle radiation fields for the calibration of dosimeters and dose-rate meters for protection purposes. This document describes the procedures for the determination of absorbed dose rate to a reference depth of tissue from reference beta particle radiation fields. ISO 6980-1 describes methods of production and characterization of the reference radiation. ISO 6980-3 describes procedures for the calibration of dosimeters and dose-rate meters and the determination of their response as a function of beta-particle energy and angle of beta-particle incidence.

For beta particles, the calibration and the determination of the response of dosimeters and dose-rate meters is essentially a three-step process. First, the basic field quantity, absorbed dose to tissue at a depth of 0,07 mm (and optionally also at a depth of 3 mm) in a tissue-equivalent slab geometry is measured at the point of test, using methods described in this document. Then, the appropriate operational quantity is derived by the application of a conversion coefficient that relates the quantity measured (reference absorbed dose) to the selected operational quantity for the selected irradiation geometry. Finally, the reference point of the device under test is placed at the point of test for the calibration and determination of the response of the dosimeter. Depending on the type of dosimeter under test, the irradiation is either carried out on a phantom or free-in-air for personal and area dosimeters, respectively. For individual and area monitoring, this document describes the methods and the conversion coefficients to be used for the determination of the response of dosimeters and dose-rate meters in terms of the ICRU operational quantities, i.e., directional dose equivalent,  $H'(0,07;\Omega)$  and  $H'(3;\Omega)$ , as well as personal dose equivalent,  $H_p(0,07)$  and  $H_p(3)$ .

# Nuclear energy — Reference beta-particle radiation —

## Part 2:

# Calibration fundamentals related to basic quantities characterizing the radiation field

## 1 Scope

This document specifies methods for the measurement of the absorbed-dose rate in a tissue-equivalent slab phantom in the ISO 6980 reference beta-particle radiation fields. The energy range of the beta-particle-emitting isotopes covered by these reference radiations is 0,22 MeV to 3,6 MeV maximum beta energy corresponding to 0,07 MeV to 1,2 MeV mean beta energy. Radiation energies outside this range are beyond the scope of this document. While measurements in a reference geometry (depth of 0,07 mm or 3 mm at perpendicular incidence in a tissue-equivalent slab phantom) with an extrapolation chamber used as primary standard are dealt with in detail, the use of other measurement systems and measurements in other geometries are also described, although in less detail. However, as noted in ICRU 56<sup>[5]</sup>, the ambient dose equivalent,  $H^*(10)$ , used for area monitoring, and the personal dose equivalent,  $H_p(10)$ , as used for individual monitoring, of strongly penetrating radiation, are not appropriate quantities for any beta radiation, even that which penetrates 10 mm of tissue ( $E_{\max} > 2$  MeV).

This document is intended for those organizations wishing to establish primary dosimetry capabilities for beta particles and serves as a guide to the performance of dosimetry with an extrapolation chamber used as primary standard for beta-particle dosimetry in other fields. Guidance is also provided on the statement of measurement uncertainties.

## 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 29661, *Reference radiation fields for radiation protection — Definitions and fundamental concepts*

ISO/IEC Guide 99, *International vocabulary of metrology — Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM)*

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