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The main changes are as follows:

- Editorial update of the whole document.
- An additional sentence in [Clause 4](#) clarifies the circumstances when the test method has to be applied. In particular a variation of a lens design does not require a new shelf-life study.

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Introduction

The tests included in this document are designed to obtain information that enables proposals to be made for the shelf-life of a contact lens, and storage conditions to be recommended. However, in practical terms, it is the stability of the material from which the contact lens is made that is being tested, along with the integrity of the packaging that maintains the environment necessary for the contact lens.

The purpose of the stability studies is to ascertain how the quality of the contact lens varies as a function of time and under the influence of a variety of environmental factors. On the basis of the information thus obtained, storage conditions can be recommended that guarantee the maintenance of the quality of the contact lens in relation to its safety, efficacy and acceptability throughout the proposed shelf-life (i.e. during storage and distribution until the moment of dispensing).

Ophthalmic optics — Contact lenses — Determination of shelf-life

1 Scope

This document specifies test procedures for determining the stability of contact lenses once they are placed in their final packaging during storage and distribution.

NOTE The results obtained can be used for determining the expiry date.

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 18369-1, *Ophthalmic optics — Contact lenses — Part 1: Vocabulary, classification system and recommendations for labelling specifications*

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