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European foreword

This document (EN ISO 4074:2026) has been prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 157 "Non-systemic contraceptives and STI barrier prophylactics" in collaboration with Technical Committee CEN/TC 205 "Non-active medical devices" the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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(informative)**Relationship between this International Standard and the General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 aimed to be covered**

This European standard has been prepared under M/575 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 [O] L 117] and to system or process requirements including those relating to quality management systems, risk management, post-market surveillance systems, clinical investigations, clinical evaluation or post-market clinical follow-up.

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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) 2017/745. 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 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] and to system or process requirements including those relating to quality management systems, risk management, post-market surveillance systems, clinical investigations, clinical evaluation or post-market clinical follow-up

General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745	Clause(s) / subclause(s) of this Standard	Remarks / Notes
I.4., 2nd paragraph	15.2.4.1 15.2.4.2	Partially covered. The GSPR is covered in respect to the risk of allergic reactions (15.2.4.1). The GSPR is covered in respect to the risk of reuse (15.2.4.2). The GSPR is covered in respect of the user causing damage to the device or misusing the device in a manner that increases the risk of failing during use (15.2.4.2).
I.6	11.2, 11.3, 11.4	Partially covered Covered in respect to: a) compliance to the same test limits as in the original tests after production after artificial ageing (stability test, 11.2); b) determination of shelf life by real time stability studies (11.3); c) estimating shelf life based upon accelerated stability studies (11.4).
I.7	Clause 14, Clause 15	Partially covered Clause 14 describes a test method to assure the integrity of the primary package while clause 15 describes requirements for packaging and also labelling information that assure that there cannot be an adverse effect by temperature and humidity.
II.10.1 f) and h)	Clause 10, Clause 11, Clause 12, Clause 14	Fully covered The requirements in these clauses ensure the products meet the physical performance levels required to provide acceptable levels of protection. — 10.1 f) airburst test clause 10; — 10.1 h) requirements for tests in clause 10, clause 11, clause 12 and clause 14.

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III.23.1 (g)	15.2.4.1 k) 15.2.4.2 a), e)	Partially covered. The GSPR is covered in respect to the risk of allergic reactions only [15.2.4.1 k)]. The GSPR is covered in respect to the risk of allergic reactions and reuse only [15.2.4.1 a) and e)].	
III.23.2 a), e), g), i), k), m)	15.2.3 b), c) 15.2.4.1 e), f), g), h), i), j), k), m) 15.2.4.2 a) - e)	Partially covered The clauses of GSPR 23.2 are covered by the following clauses of the document:	
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III 23.4 a), g), h), p), q), s), w)	15.2.4.1 c), d), e), g), h), i), j), k), m) 15.2.4.2 a), b), e)	Partially covered The clauses of GSPR 23.4 are covered by the following clauses of the document:	
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Table ZA.2 — Normative references from Clause 2 of this document and their corresponding European publications

Column 1 Reference in Clause 2	Column 2 International Standard Edition	Column 3 Title	Column 4 Corresponding European Standard Edition
ISO 2859-1	ISO 2859-1:1999 ISO 2859-1:1999/Cor 1:2001 ISO 2859-1:1999/Amd 1:2011	Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes — Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection	None For applicable standard edition see Column 2
ISO 10993-1	ISO 10993-1:2018	Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process	EN ISO 10993-1:2020
ISO 14971	ISO 14971:2019	Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices	EN ISO 14971:2019 EN ISO 14971:2019/A11:2021
ISO 15223-1	ISO 15223-1:2021	Medical devices — Symbols to be used with information to be supplied by the manufacturer — Part 1: General requirements	EN ISO 15223-1:2021
ISO/IEC 17025	ISO/IEC 17025:2017	General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories	EN ISO/IEC 17025:2017

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



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Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 4074:2015), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows.

- The Scope ([Clause 1](#)) has been amended because this document now covers all condom sizes including those with dimensions specified in [Annex P](#), which has been made normative.
- A statement has been added to [Annex A](#) regarding the sample sizes used for reduced inspection.
- The use of technical grade propan-2-ol is permitted for removing lubricant from condoms when determining the lubricant quantity according to [Annex C](#).
- In [Annex G](#), it has been made clear that a Stomacher® is a specific type of mixer that can be used along with other types of mixers when preparing samples for microbiological testing of condoms. Some amendments to the test procedures have been made based on current best practices.
- Improvements have been made to inflation test procedure specified in [Annex H](#).
- The condom handling procedures described in ISO/TR 19969:2018 have been integrated into [Annex H](#), testing for burst properties, and [Annex M](#), testing for freedom from holes.
- [Annex K](#) has been updated to provide clearer and more detailed information about conducting real time stability tests.
- [Annex L](#) has been updated to include a more rapid accelerated stability test to assess the effect of process and formulation changes on the stability of a product and provide a stress test for condoms that might be stored in high temperature environments.

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- The electrical test for freedom from holes in [Annex M](#) has been amended to improve the probability of finding small holes in the teat (reservoir tip) and closed end of the condom.
- An alternative dry vacuum method for testing the integrity of individual condom containers has been included in [Annex N](#).
- [Annex O](#) has been made normative and amended to include a new section to verify that technicians can unroll the condoms correctly when conducting the burst test.
- A new [Annex Q](#) has been added to specify requirements and procedures for validating new or modified test procedures and verifying that the test methods for freedom from holes meet the specified performance requirements. As a consequence, [Annex M](#) has been made informative.

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Introduction

Condoms made from intact latex film have been shown to be a barrier to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), other infectious agents responsible for the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and to spermatozoa. Numerous clinical studies have confirmed that male latex condoms are effective in helping to prevent pregnancy and reduce the risk of transmission of most STIs including HIV.

To help ensure that condoms are effective for contraceptive purposes and in assisting in the prevention of transmission of STIs, it is essential that condoms fit the penis properly, are free from holes, have adequate physical strength so as not to break during use, are correctly packaged to protect them during storage, and are correctly labelled to facilitate their use. All these issues are addressed in this document.

Condoms are medical devices. To ensure high quality product, it is essential that condoms are produced under a good quality management system. See ISO 13485^[2] for quality management requirements and ISO 14971 for risk management requirements.

Condoms are non-sterile medical devices, but manufacturers are advised to take appropriate precautions to minimize microbiological contamination of the product throughout the manufacturing and packaging processes. Recommendations for manufacturers to periodically monitor microbial contamination during production are included in this document. Methods that can be used to determine bioburden levels are included in [Annex G](#).

This document requires manufacturers to conduct stability tests to estimate the shelf life of any new condom design before the product is placed on the market and to initiate real-time stability studies. Manufacturers are also required to consider the stability of any modified condom design. These requirements are described in [Clause 11](#). The real-time stability test can be considered as part of the manufacturers' requirement to conduct post-marketing surveillance on their products. These requirements are intended to ensure that manufacturers have adequate data to support shelf life claims before products are placed on the market and that these data are available for review by regulatory authorities, third party test laboratories, and purchasers. They are also intended to limit the need for third parties to conduct long-term stability studies.

Condoms can be subject to specific local requirements as required by national regulatory bodies in addition to those specified in this document.

ISO 16038^[8] provides guidance for the application of this document. It includes additional information on the test methods and requirements specified in this document.

Pictures and diagrams in this document are to enhance clarity and do not indicate a preference for any specific equipment type or design.

There are no requirements for determining the tensile properties of condoms in this document. Nevertheless, tensile testing is sometimes used for quality control and development purposes. [Annex J](#) includes guidance on how to determine force and elongation at break of condoms.

The need for a transition period when implementing the requirements of this document should be considered to allow manufacturers to make the changes required to maintain conformance.

Natural rubber latex male condoms — Requirements and test methods

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for male condoms made from natural rubber latex.

This document does not specify requirements related to any medicinal substances applied to or delivered by the condom.

NOTE The safety and effectiveness of any medicinal substance are assessed according to national and 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 2859-1, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes — Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*

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

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