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# Medical devices — Symbols to be used with information to be supplied by the manufacturer

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Part 1: General requirements

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

**Table — Correlations between normative references and dated EN and ISO standards**

Normative references as listed in Clause 2 of the ISO standard	Equivalent dated standard	
	EN	ISO or IEC
<a href="#">ISO 8601-1</a>	--	<a href="#">ISO 8601-1:2019<sup>a</sup></a>
<a href="#">ISO 8601-2</a>	--	<a href="#">ISO 8601-2:2019<sup>a</sup></a>
<a href="#">ISO 15223-2</a>	--	<a href="#">ISO 15223-2:2010</a>
<a href="#">ISO 3166-1</a>	EN ISO 3166-1:2020	ISO 3166-1: 2020

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## 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].

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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 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.