

How to Use Consensus Standards in Premarket Submissions

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Value of Consensus Standards



**Enhance
regulatory
science**

**Promote
quality**

**Improve
patient
access**

Science-based least burdensome regulatory approach



Learning Objectives

- Explain how to use standards in device submissions
- Describe how declarations of conformity (DOC) improve device review
- Identify when you need supplemental documentation
- Discuss *Helpful Tips* for using standards and DOCs in submissions

How to Use Consensus Standards in Device Submissions

Use of Consensus Standards

- Voluntary
- Only mandatory if cited in regulation
 - Example: 21 CFR 801 cites ASTM D3492
- In any type of submission
- With a DOC (recognized standards only), “General Use” (any standards, recognized or not) or both

How to Cite Standards-Cover Sheet

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CDRH PREMARKET REVIEW SUBMISSION COVER SHEET		
Date of Submission	User Fee Payment ID Number	FDA Submission Document Number (If known)
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SECTION J UTILIZATION OF STANDARDS					
<p>Note: Please see guidance document titled "Appropriate Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards in Premarket Submissions for Medical Devices" for details on the Declaration of Conformity.</p> <p><i>How to fill out this section:</i></p> <p>Recognition Number: State the FDA recognition number. If the standard is not recognized, write NR.</p> <p>Declaration of Conformity or General Use: Select "Declaration of Conformity" if including a "Declaration of Conformity to a Recognized Standard" statement. For all other uses, select "General Use" and indicate if you have made deviations from the Recognized/Non-recognized standard.</p> <p>Standard: State the Standards Development Organization (SDO), the Designation Number (including year), and the Title.</p> <p>Location: State the section and/or the page number(s) in the submission where the standard is applied.</p>					
Examples					
	Recognition Number	Declaration of Conformity or General Use		Standards Development Organization (SDO), Designation Number-Year, and Title	Location
1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8-185	Declaration of Conformity	<i>If General Use, Deviation?</i>	ASTM F451-08, standard specification for acrylic bone cement.	Section 3 p. 15
2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3-44	General Use	<i>If General Use, Deviation?</i> Yes	AAMI ANSI BP22:1994 (R) 2011 Blood Pressure Transducers	Section 4 p. 32

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Recognized Consensus Standards database

www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfStandards/search.cfm

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Location
(In Submission)

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Declaration of Conformity (DOC)

What is a DOC?

- Attestation that device conforms with cited FDA-recognized standard
 - All normative requirements are met
 - All testing has been conducted
 - Testing is on finished device or final finished device
 - If submitter declares conformity with a recognized standard, a DOC accompanies the submission
- **Use of DOC with a recognized standard generally reduces documentation needed in a submission**

Elements of a DOC

- Name and address of applicant/sponsor responsible for DOC
- Product/device identification
- Statement of conformity
- List of standards to which DOC applies
- FDA recognition number for each standard

Please see ISO/IEC 17050-1:2004(en): *Conformity assessment-supplier's declaration of conformity-Part 1: General requirements* and FDA's guidance: *Appropriate Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards in Premarket Submissions for Medical Devices*

Elements of a DOC, cont'd

- Date and place of issuance of DOC
- Signature, printed name, and function of applicant/sponsor responsible for DOC
- Any limitation on validity of DOC (e.g., how long declaration is valid, what was tested, or concessions made about testing outcomes)
- Supplemental documentation per ISO 17050-2 or equivalent

Please see ISO/IEC 17050-1:2004(en): *Conformity assessment-supplier's declaration of conformity-Part 1: General requirements* and FDA's guidance: *Appropriate Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards in Premarket Submissions for Medical Devices*

Example Declaration of Conformity (DOC)

Note: This example is intended to illustrate elements of the Declaration of Conformity per FDA's guidance [Appropriate Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards in Premarket Submissions for Medical Devices that the device manufacturer submits as part of their premarket submission](#).

Responsible Party

Name of entity responsible for DOC: _____

Address of entity responsible for DOC: _____

Product/Device Identification

All identifying information for the product/device including (e.g., product code(s), device marketing name(s), model number(s), etc.).

Statement of Conformity

The test results demonstrate that the device is in conformity with the standard(s) listed below¹:

- Title of Standard:
- FDA Recognition #: (e.g., 19-4)
- Options Selected
 - Standard included no options
 - Standard included options

List of options selected in standard (e.g., clause 5.3 permits modified test conditions if ambient temperature cannot be maintained).

- Testing Laboratory Name: (e.g., Testing Laboratory ABC)
- Testing Location(s): (e.g., 1234 Example Road, Silver Spring, MD 20993)
- Testing Date(s): (e.g., Sep 1, 2020 – Sep 15, 2020)
- Supplemental Documentation (Refer to Section V.C. of this guidance for specific recommendations):
 - Supplementary documentation is not included
 - Supplementary documentation is included at the following location within the submission, and I have checked that there are no differences regarding protocol and data between the testing conducted and the supplemental documentation: (e.g., Appendix A of this premarket submission)

¹ See section 514(c)(3)(A)(v) of the FD&C Act, cited in Section IV.A.(3)(v) of FDA's guidance [Appropriate Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards in Premarket Submissions for Medical Devices](#).

Elements of a DOC

- Responsible Party
- Product/Device Identification
- Statement of Conformity
- Limitations on Validity of DOC
- Signature

<Repeat for each standard in DOC>

Limitations on Validity of DOC

Description of any limitation on the validity of the DOC (e.g., how long the declaration is valid, what was tested, or concessions made about the testing outcomes)

Signature

Printed name: _____

Function within entity responsible for DOC: _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Responsible Party and Product/Device Identification

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Responsible Party

Name of entity responsible for DOC:

Address of entity responsible for DOC: _____

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Limitations on Validity of DOC and Signature

<Repeat for each standard in DOC>

Limitations on Validity of DOC

Description of any limitation on the validity of the DOC (e.g., how long the declaration is valid, what was tested, or concessions made about the testing outcomes)

Signature

Printed name: _____

Function within entity responsible for DOC:

Signature

Date

“General Use” of Standards

- May cite any consensus standard
- Should include complete test reports
- Considerations:
 - If modifications not referenced or permitted in standard, should include complete test reports
 - When in doubt, ask FDA review team!

Supplemental Documentation

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Standard Type		Complete Test Report Needed?	Supplemental Documentation Needed (ISO/IEC 17050-2)?
Design		No	No
Test Method	Acceptance Criteria		
Included	Not Included	No	Yes, Criteria/Summary Results
Not Included	Included	No	Yes
Included	Included	No	No
Not Included	Not included	Yes	Complete Test Report

Supplemental Documentation

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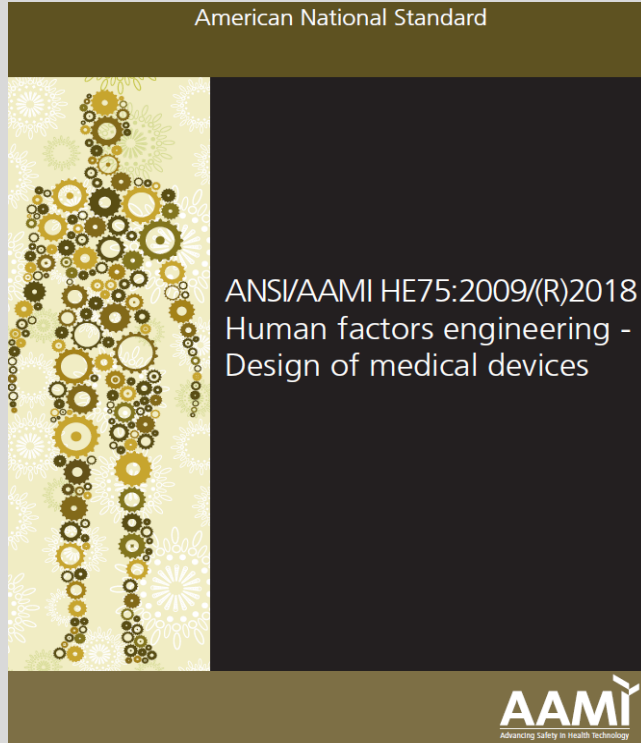
Supplemental Documentation

- Supplemental documentation is needed when:
 - Standard has neither test method nor prespecified acceptance criteria
 - Deviations or adaptations have been made to recognized standard
- Provide complete test report as supplemental documentation
- Note: If elect “General Use”, additional documentation may be needed

ANSI/AAMI HE75:2009(R)28

Not FDA-recognized: *Section 9: Usability testing*

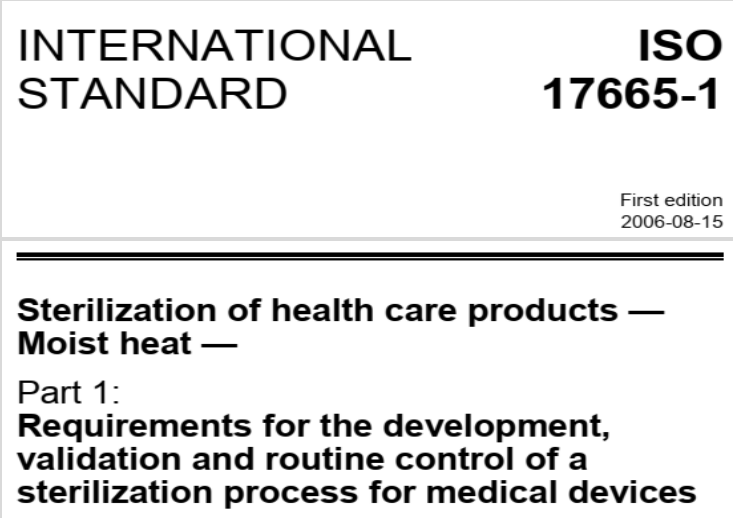
FDA Human Factors Guidance



Section	Contents
1	Conclusion
2	Descriptions of intended device users, uses, use environments, and training
3	Description of device user interface
4	Summary of known use problems
5	Analysis of hazards and risks associated with use of device
6	Summary of preliminary analyses and evaluations
7	Description of categorization of critical tasks
8	Details of human factors validation testing

When Supplemental Documentation is NOT Needed

- Design standard is cited
- Standard includes *both*:
 - test method and
 - pre-specified performance limit



Helpful Tips for Using Standards in a Submission



What to Avoid

- Inappropriate use of consensus standards
 - Not applicable to your device or intended use
 - Not knowing Extent of Recognition (complete or partial)

- Inappropriate use of a declaration of conformity
 - Citing non-recognized standards (such as older, previous versions)
 - Deviations from recognized standards
 - Using DOCs without appropriate supplemental documentation

What to Avoid

- Assuming that use of consensus standards satisfies ALL submission questions
- Not checking relevant regulation/guidance for additional requirements
- FDA Form 3654: Standards Data Report for 510(k)s; no longer available!

Summary

- How to use standards in device submissions
- How DOCs improve device review
- Use of supplemental documentation
- Helpful tips for using standards and DOCs in submissions

Resources

- **Standards & Conformity Assessment Program (S-CAP)**
www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/Standards/
- **FDA Recognized Consensus Standards Database**
www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfStandards/search.cfm
- **Device Advice: Comprehensive Regulatory Assistance**
www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-comprehensive-regulatory-assistance
- **CDRH Learn: How to Study and Market Your Device: Standards**
www.fda.gov/training-and-continuing-education/cdrh-learn#collapseTwo

Guidances

- Appropriate Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards in Premarket Submission for Medical Devices**
www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/appropriate-use-voluntary-consensus-standards-premarket-submissions-medical-devices
- Recognition and Withdrawal of Voluntary Consensus Standards**
www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/recognition-and-withdrawal-voluntary-consensus-standards

Contact: CDRHStandardsStaff@fda.hhs.gov

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1. CDRH Learn: Multi-Media Industry Education

- Over 200 modules
- Videos, audio recordings, power point presentations, software-based “how to” modules
- Mobile-friendly: access CDRH Learn on your portable devices

www.fda.gov/CDRHLearn

2. Device Advice: Text-Based Education

- Comprehensive regulatory information on premarket and postmarket topics

www.fda.gov/DeviceAdvice

3. Division of Industry and Consumer Education (DICE)

- Contact DICE if you have a question
- Email: DICE@fda.hhs.gov
- Phone: 1(800) 638-2041 or (301) 796-7100 (Hours: 9 am-12:30 pm; 1 pm-4:30pm EST)
- Web: www.fda.gov/DICE

Your Call to Action

- Put standards to work
 - Use FDA-recognized standards in your submissions
- Make sure your documentation is complete
 - Know when you need DOCs and supplement documentation
- Participate in standards development!

