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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2005. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) A new clause (4.3.2.101) has been added for non-electrical supplies and services.
- b) Additional requirements for marking and documentation (Clause 5) have been added.

- c) Additional requirements for protection against mechanical hazards (Clause 7) have been included.
- d) Additional requirements for protection against radiation, including laser sources, and against sonic and ultrasonic pressure (Clause 12) have been included.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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This Part 2-040 is intended to be used in conjunction with IEC 61010-1. It was established on the basis of the third edition (2010). Consideration may be given to future editions of, or amendments to, IEC 61010-1.

Where a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this Part 2-040, that subclause applies as far as is reasonable. Where this part states “addition”, “modification”, “replacement”, or “deletion”, the relevant requirement, test specification or note in Part 1 should be adapted accordingly.

In this standard:

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1 Scope and object

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

1.1.1 Equipment included in scope

Replacement:

Replace the existing text with the following:

This part of IEC 61010 specifies safety requirements for electrical equipment intended for sterilization, washing, and disinfection of medical materials in the medical, veterinary, pharmaceutical and laboratory fields, when used under the environmental conditions of 1.4.

Examples of such equipment include the following:

- a) sterilizers and disinfectors using steam, and/or hot water as the sterilant;
- b) sterilizers and disinfectors using toxic gas, toxic aerosol or toxic vapour as the sterilant;
- c) sterilizers and disinfectors using hot air or hot inert gas as the sterilant; and
- d) washer disinfectors.

1.1.2 Equipment excluded from scope

Addition:

Add the following note to item f):

NOTE IEC 60601-1 defines medical electrical equipment as follows:

Electrical equipment, provided with not more than one connection to a particular supply MAINS and intended by its manufacturer to be used in the diagnosis, treatment, or monitoring of a patient; and that makes physical or electrical contact with the patient or transfers energy to or from the patient or detects such energy transfer to or from the patient.

Addition:

Add the following new second paragraph:

This part of IEC 61010 does not apply to the following types of equipment:

- aa) equipment for use in hazardous atmospheres (see IEC 60079) but does apply to an atmosphere created inside equipment by a flammable sterilizing agent (see 13.0);
- bb) laboratory equipment for the heating of materials for other purposes than sterilization or disinfection (see IEC 61010-2-010);
- cc) laundry equipment (see IEC 60335-2-4, IEC 60335-2-7, IEC 60335-2-11, and ISO 10472), unless designed for disinfecting medical materials;
- dd) dishwashers (see IEC 60335-2-5 and IEC 60335-2-58).