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**Part 1:  
General requirements**

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fournir par le fabricant —*

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## Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 15223-1:2016), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- addition of 20 symbols that were validated as per ISO 15223-2;
- addition of 5 symbols previously published in ISO 7000, ISO 7001 and IEC 60417;
- deletion of the defined term “labelling”;
- inclusion of defined terms from ISO 20417, ISO 13485 and ISO 14971;
- expansion of the examples given in [Annex A](#);
- information about European regulations has been moved to informative notes throughout.

A list of all parts in the ISO 15223 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

Medical device *manufacturers* and others in the supply chain must provide specific information on the *medical device* itself, as part of the packaging, or in the *accompanying information*. For simplicity and to avoid translation of text, this information can be provided as *symbols* that have a specific meaning. This document does not specify the information that needs to be provided, but does specify internationally recognized *symbols* for the provision of this specific information.

The *symbols* included in this document have been published in ISO 7000, ISO 7001, IEC 60417 or have been subjected to a formal *symbol* validation process.

This document is intended to be used by *manufacturers of medical devices* who market products in countries where there are specific language requirements. These *symbols* allow for a consistent portrayal of information. It can also be used by consumers or end users of *medical devices* who draw their supplies from a number of sources and can have varied language capabilities.

In this document, the conjunctive “or” is used as an “inclusive or”; so a statement is true if any combination of the conditions is true.

Terms defined in [Clause 3](#) are shown in *italic type* throughout the document.

In this document, the following verbal forms are used:

- “shall” indicates a requirement;
- “should” indicates a recommendation;
- “may” indicates a permission;
- “can” indicates a possibility or a capability;
- “must” indicates an external constraint that is not a requirement of the document.

Information marked as “NOTE” is intended to assist the understanding or use of the document. “Notes to entry” used in Clause 3 provide additional information that supplements the terminological data and can contain provisions relating to the use of a term.

*Symbols* added during the revision of this document were placed at the end of the pertinent section of [Table 1](#) to preserve the numbering of existing *symbols* and facilitate easy referencing of existing *symbols* in other documents.

NOTE      Numbers given in square brackets throughout the document refer to the Bibliography.

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

## Part 1: General requirements

### 1 Scope

This document specifies *symbols* used to express information supplied for a *medical device*. This document is applicable to *symbols* used in a broad spectrum of *medical devices*, that are available globally and need to meet different regulatory requirements.

These *symbols* can be used on the *medical device* itself, on its packaging or in the *accompanying information*. The requirements of this document are not intended to apply to *symbols* specified in other standards.

### 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 3166-1, *Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions — Part 1: Country code*

ISO 8601-1, *Date and time — Representations for information interchange — Part 1: Basic rules*

ISO 8601-2, *Date and time — Representations for information interchange — Part 2: Extensions*

ISO 15223-2, *Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling, and information to be supplied — Part 2: Symbol development, selection and validation*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### *accompanying information*

information accompanying or *marked* on a *medical device* or accessory for the user or those accountable for the installation, use, processing, maintenance, decommissioning and disposal of the *medical device* or accessory, particularly regarding safe use

Note 1 to entry: The *accompanying information* shall be regarded as part of the *medical device* or accessory.

Note 2 to entry: The *accompanying information* can consist of the *label*, *marking*, *instructions for use*, *technical description*, *installation manual*, *quick reference guide*, etc.

Note 3 to entry: *Accompanying information* is not necessarily a written or printed document but could involve auditory, visual, or tactile materials and multiple media types (e.g. CD/DVD-ROM, USB stick, website).

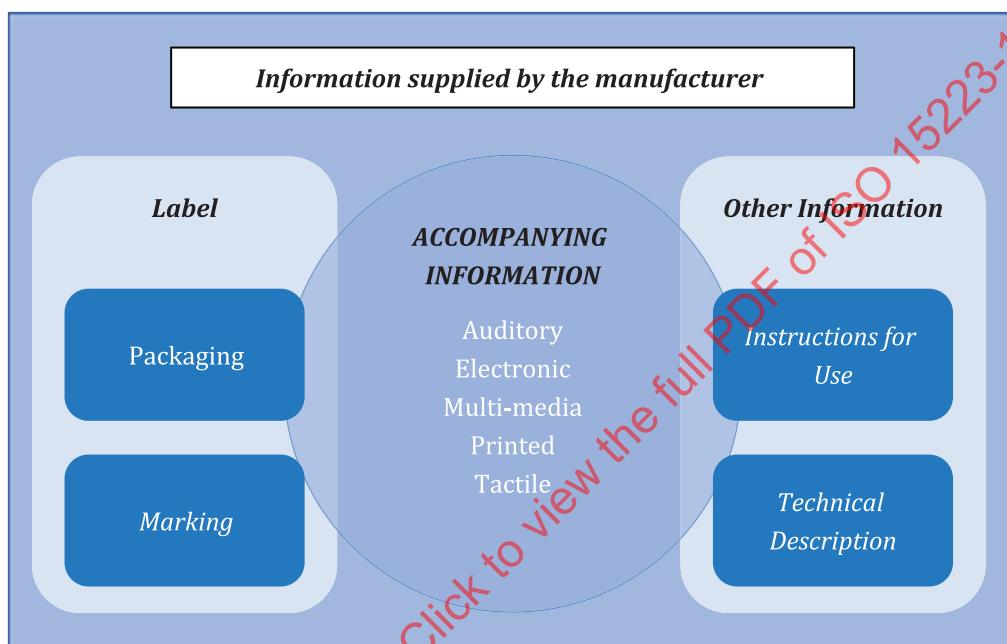
Note 4 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

Note 5 to entry: The *label* can include the information on the packaging of the medical device.

Note 6 to entry: e-documentation can include any or all types of information supplied by the manufacturer partially or entirely.

Note 7 to entry: Marketing information is also known as promotional material.

Note 8 to entry: There is guidance or rationale related to accompanying information in ISO 20417:2021,<sup>[15]</sup> Annex A.



**Figure 1 — Relationship of terms used to describe *information supplied by the manufacturer***

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021,<sup>[15]</sup> 3.2, modified — The following text has been removed from the graphic: “Scope of ISO 20417”, defined term reference numbers and a side box containing information outside the scope of ISO 20417. Note 8 to entry has been added.]

### 3.2

#### ***catalogue number***

*commercial product name*

*commercial product code*

value given by the *manufacturer* to identify a specific *medical device* or accessory as it relates to its form/fit, function and process (i.e. manufacturing processes requiring differentiation for the end user)

Note 1 to entry: A *catalogue number* shall consist of letters or numbers or a combination of these.

Note 2 to entry: For the purposes of this document, *commercial product code* should not be confused with the US FDA, “product code” or procode classification.

Note 3 to entry: Synonyms for *catalogue number* are “reference number” or “reorder number”.

Note 4 to entry: See ISO 20417:2021, Figure 2.

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021,<sup>[15]</sup> 3.3, modified — The cross-reference in Note 4 to entry has been revised to be external to this document.]

**3.3*****description***

normative text which defines the purpose, the application and the use of the *symbol* (3.19)

[SOURCE: IEC 80416-1:2008,<sup>[19]</sup> 3.2, modified — “and optional product area” has been removed.]

**3.4*****distributor***

natural or legal person, different from the *manufacturer* or *importer*, in the supply chain who, on their own behalf, furthers the availability of a *medical device* or accessory to the user

Note 1 to entry: More than one *distributor* may be involved in the supply chain.

Note 2 to entry: For the purposes of this document, persons in the supply chain involved in activities such as storage and transport on behalf of the *manufacturer*, *importer* or *distributor*, are not *distributors*.

Note 3 to entry: Distribution activities alone do not include repackaging or otherwise changing the container, wrapper, or *accompanying information* of the *medical device* or *medical device* package other than providing the identification of the *distributor*.

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021,<sup>[15]</sup> 3.5]

**3.5*****importer***

natural or legal person who imports a *medical device* or accessory into a locale that was manufactured in another locale for the purposes of marketing

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021,<sup>[15]</sup> 3.8]

**3.6*****information supplied by the manufacturer***

information related to the identification and use of a *medical device* or accessory, in whatever form provided, intended to ensure the safe and effective use of the *medical device* or accessory

Note 1 to entry: For the purposes of this document, e-documentation is included in *information supplied by the manufacturer*.

Note 2 to entry: For the purposes of this document, shipping documents and promotional material are excluded from *information supplied by the manufacturer*. However, some *authorities having jurisdiction* (defined in ISO 16142-1:2016,<sup>[9]</sup> 3.1) can consider such supplemental information as *information supplied by the manufacturer*.

Note 3 to entry: The primary purpose of *information supplied by the manufacturer* is to identify the *medical device* and its *manufacturer*, and provide essential information about its safety, performance, and appropriate use to the user or other relevant persons.

Note 4 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

Note 5 to entry: There is guidance or rationale related to information supplied by the manufacturer in [Annex A](#).

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021,<sup>[15]</sup> 3.10, modified — The cross-reference in Note 2 to entry has been added. Note 5 to entry has been added.]

**3.7*****instructions for use******IFU******package insert***

portion of the *accompanying information* that is essential for the safe and effective use of a *medical device* or accessory directed to the user of the *medical device*

Note 1 to entry: For the purposes of this document, a user can be either a lay user or professional user with relevant specialized training.

Note 2 to entry: For the purposes of this document, instructions for the professional processing between uses of a *medical device* or accessory can be included in the *instructions for use*.

Note 3 to entry: *The instructions for use*, or portions thereof, can be located on the display of a *medical device* or accessory.

Note 4 to entry: *Medical devices* or accessories that can be used safely and effectively without *instructions for use* are exempted from having *instructions for use* by some authorities with jurisdiction.

Note 5 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021,[\[15\]](#) 3.11]

### **3.8**

#### ***label***

<*medical device, accessory*> written, printed or graphic information appearing on the item itself, on the packaging of each item, or on the packaging of multiple items

Note 1 to entry: For the purposes of this document, the term *labelled* is used to designate the corresponding act.

Note 2 to entry: *Label* includes the *marking* on the *medical device* or accessory.

Note 3 to entry: For the purposes of this document, information indicated on a graphical user interface (GUI) is considered as appearing on the item.

Note 4 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021,[\[15\]](#) 3.12]

### **3.9**

#### ***lot number***

#### ***batch code***

#### ***batch number***

#### ***lot code***

production control containing a combination of letters or numbers associated with a single lot or batch

Note 1 to entry: The title of symbol 5.1.5 uses the synonym *batch code*.

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021,[\[15\]](#) 3.15, modified — Note 1 to entry has been added.]

### **3.10**

#### ***manufacturer***

natural or legal person with responsibility for the design or manufacture, or both, of a *medical device* with the intention of making the *medical device* available for use, under his or her name; whether or not such a *medical device* is designed or manufactured, or both, by that person themselves or on their behalf by another person(s)

Note 1 to entry: The natural or legal person has ultimate legal responsibility for ensuring compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements for the *medical devices* in the countries or jurisdictions where it is intended to be made available or sold, unless this responsibility is specifically imposed on another person by the Regulatory Authority (RA) within that jurisdiction.

Note 2 to entry: The *manufacturer's* responsibilities are described in other GHTF guidance documents. These responsibilities include meeting both pre-market requirements and post-market requirements, such as adverse event reporting and notification of corrective actions.

Note 3 to entry: “Design or manufacture, or both”, may include specification development, production, fabrication, assembly, processing, packaging, repackaging, labelling, relabelling, sterilization, installation, or remanufacturing of a *medical device*; or putting a collection of devices, and possibly other products, together for a medical purpose.

Note 4 to entry: Any person who assembles or adapts a *medical device* that has already been supplied by another person for an individual patient, in accordance with the *instructions for use*, is not the *manufacturer*, provided the assembly or adaptation does not change the intended use of the *medical device*.

Note 5 to entry: Any person who changes the intended use of, or modifies, a *medical device* without acting on behalf of the original *manufacturer* and who makes it available for use under his own name, should be considered the *manufacturer* of the modified *medical device*.

Note 6 to entry: An authorized representative, *distributor* or *importer* who only adds its own address and contact details to the *medical device* or the packaging, without covering or changing the existing labelling, is not considered a *manufacturer*.

Note 7 to entry: To the extent that an accessory is subject to the regulatory requirements of a *medical device*, the person responsible for the design, manufacture, or both, of that accessory is considered to be a *manufacturer*.

[SOURCE: ISO 14971:2019,<sup>[8]</sup> 3.9]

### 3.11

#### *marking*

information, in text or graphical format, durably affixed, printed, etched (or equivalent) to a *medical device* or accessory

Note 1 to entry: For the purposes of this document, the term *marked* is used to designate the corresponding act.

Note 2 to entry: For the purposes of this document, *marking* is different from "direct marking" as commonly described in unique device identification (UDI) standards and regulations. A UDI "direct marking" is a type of *marking*.

Note 3 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021,<sup>[15]</sup> 3.16]

### 3.12

#### *medical device*

instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, appliance, implant, reagent for in vitro use, software, material or other similar or related article, intended by the *manufacturer* to be used, alone or in combination, for human beings, for one or more of the specific medical purpose(s) of:

- diagnosis, prevention, monitoring, treatment or alleviation of disease;
- diagnosis, monitoring, treatment, alleviation of or compensation for an injury;
- investigation, replacement, modification, or support of the anatomy or of a physiological process;
- supporting or sustaining life;
- control of conception;
- disinfection of *medical devices*;
- providing information by means of in vitro examination of specimens derived from the human body,

and does not achieve its primary intended action by pharmacological, immunological or metabolic means, in or on the human body, but which may be assisted in its intended function by such means

Note 1 to entry: Products which may be considered to be *medical devices* in some jurisdictions but not in others include:

- disinfection substances;
- aids for persons with disabilities;
- devices incorporating animal or human tissues, or both;
- devices for in vitro fertilization or assisted reproduction technologies.

[SOURCE: ISO 13485:2016,<sup>[7]</sup> 3.11]

**3.13**

***model number***

***model***

letters, numbers or a combination of these assigned by a *manufacturer* to distinguish by function or type, a particular *medical device*, *accessory* or *medical device family* from another

Note 1 to entry: See ISO 20417:2021, Figure 2.

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021,[\[15\]](#) 3.17, modified — The cross-reference in Note 1 to entry has been revised to be external to this document.]

**3.14**

***risk***

combination of the probability of occurrence of harm and the severity of that harm

[SOURCE: ISO 14971:2019,[\[8\]](#) 3.18]

**3.15**

***serial number***

production control containing a combination of letters or numbers, selected by the *manufacturer*, intended for quality control and identification purposes to uniquely distinguish an individual *medical device* from other *medical devices* with the same *catalogue number* or *model number*

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021,[\[15\]](#) 3.22]

**3.16**

***single patient multiple use***

<*medical device, accessory*> intended by the *manufacturer* to be reused on an individual patient for multiple uses

Note 1 to entry: A single patient multiple use *medical device* or *accessory* may require processing between uses.

Note 2 to entry: For an implantable medical device, the duration of a single use is from implanting to explanting the *medical device*.

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021,[\[15\]](#) 3.25]

**3.17**

***single use***

***do not re-use***

***use only once***

<*medical device, accessory*> intended by the *manufacturer* to be used on an individual *patient* or specimen during a single *procedure* and then disposed of

Note 1 to entry: A single use *medical device* or *accessory* is not intended by its *manufacturer* to be further processed and used again.

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021,[\[15\]](#) 3.26]

**3.18**

***sterile***

free from viable microorganisms

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021,[\[15\]](#) 3.28]

**3.19*****symbol***

graphical representation appearing on the *label* or associated documentation, or both, of a *medical device* that communicates *characteristic information* without the need for the supplier or receiver of the information to have knowledge of the language of a particular nation or people

Note 1 to entry: The *symbol* can be an abstract pictorial or a graphical representation, or one that uses familiar objects, including alphanumeric characters (with sufficient justification).

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021,<sup>[15]</sup> 3.29]

## 4 General requirements

### 4.1 Future symbols

- a) Future *symbols* proposed for inclusion in this document shall be validated in accordance with ISO 15223-2. *Symbols* registered under ISO 7000, ISO 7010, or IEC 60417 are exempt.
- b) Any *symbol* proposed for inclusion in this document shall be applicable to a range of *medical devices* and have global or regional applicability.

### 4.2 Requirements for usage

- a) When a need to use *symbols* as an appropriate method for conveying information essential for the proper use of a *medical device* is identified, the *symbols* given in [Table 1](#) may be marked on the *medical device*, appear on its packaging or in *information supplied by the manufacturer*.

NOTE ISO and IEC maintain an online database of graphical *symbols* for use on equipment, which contains the complete set of graphical *symbols* included in ISO 7000, ISO 7001 and IEC 60417 available at <https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#home>. This database shows each graphical *symbol* and identifies it by a reference number and a *title*. The graphical *symbols* are available in different formats (e.g. AI, DWG, EPS) and some additional data, as applicable, is provided.

- b) The *manufacturer* shall determine the appropriate size for the *symbol* to be legible for its intended function.

NOTE 1 This document does not specify colours or minimum size for the *symbols* in [Table 1](#), nor does it specify the relative size of *symbols* and that of indicated information.

NOTE 2 Guidance on the application of graphical *symbols* is found in IEC 80416-3:2002+A1:2011<sup>[20]</sup>.

NOTE 3 Guidance on the use of the general prohibition *symbol* and the negation *symbol* is found in [Annex B](#).

- c) All dates and times presented in association with *symbols* shall use the conventions set out in ISO 8601-1 and ISO 8601-2.

### 4.3 Other symbols

Other standards specify additional *symbols* that are applicable to particular kinds or groups of *medical devices* or to particular situations. The bibliography provides examples of sources for additional *symbols*.

## 5 Symbols

- a) When appropriate, information essential for proper use shall be indicated on the *medical device*, its packaging, or in the *accompanying information* by using the corresponding *symbols* given in [Table 1](#).
- b) A *manufacturer* may use any appropriate *symbol*.

NOTE 1 [Table 1](#) has been organized into *symbol* categories for ease of use. The category into which a *symbol* is grouped does not have any significance as far as usage is concerned. The order of appearance of *symbols* and the categories in which they are placed are not prioritized. Examples of the use of *symbols* can be found in [Annex A](#).

NOTE 2 Each *symbol* in the ISO/IEC *symbols* database (available at <https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#home>) has a reference number and registration date. This information is given in the final column of [Table 1](#).

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Table 1 — Symbols to convey medical device information

Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
<b>5.1 Manufacture</b>						
5.1.1	Manufacturer	Indicates the medical device manufacturer	This symbol shall be accompanied by the name and address of the manufacturer adjacent to the symbol.	NOTE 1 This symbol is used to indicate information that is required in Europe and can be required by other authorities having jurisdiction. NOTE 2 For use in Europe the full definition of “manufacturer” is given in EU Regulations 2017/745 <sup>[23]</sup> and 2017/746. <sup>[24]</sup> Other jurisdictions can have unique definitions. NOTE 3 The date of manufacture, as well as the name and address of the manufacturer, can be combined in one symbol.	—	ISO 7000-3082 2011-10-02
5.1.2	Authorized representative in the European Community/ European Union	Indicates the authorized representative in the European Community/ European Union	This symbol shall be accompanied by the name and address of the authorized representative, adjacent to the symbol.	NOTE 1 This symbol is used to indicate information that is required in the European Community/European Union. NOTE 2 Additional guidance can be found in ISO 20417 <sup>[15]</sup> , ISO 18113-1 <sup>[10]</sup> , ISO 18113-2 <sup>[11]</sup> , ISO 18113-3 <sup>[12]</sup> , ISO 18113-4 <sup>[13]</sup> and ISO 18113-5 <sup>[14]</sup> . NOTE 3 If multiple symbols (i.e. Authorized Representative, Importer, Distributor, Translator, or Repackaging) identify the same responsible entity, the name and address need not be duplicated, and all applicable symbols can be grouped together next to the single address.	—	N/A

Table 1 (continued)

Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.1.3 [  ]	Date of manufacture	Indicates the date when the <i>medical device</i> was manufactured	This <i>symbol</i> shall be accompanied by a date to indicate the date of manufacture. This shall be expressed in accordance with ISO 8601-1.  The date shall be located adjacent to the <i>symbol</i> .	—	The use of this <i>symbol</i> precludes the use of <i>symbol</i> 5.1.11 with a date of manufacture.	ISO 7000-2497 2004-01-15
5.1.4 [  ]	Use-by date	Indicates the date after which the <i>medical device</i> is not to be used	This <i>symbol</i> shall be accompanied by a date to indicate that the <i>medical device</i> should not be used after the end of the year, month or day shown.  The date shall be expressed in accordance with ISO 8601-1.  The date shall be located adjacent to the <i>symbol</i> .	NOTE Synonyms for "use-by date" are "use by", "expiry date" and "expiration date".	—	ISO 7000-2607 2004-01-15
5.1.5 [  ]	Batch code	Indicates the manufacturer's batch code so that the batch or lot can be identified	This <i>symbol</i> shall be accompanied by the manufacturer's batch code adjacent to the <i>symbol</i> .	NOTE Synonyms for "batch code" are "lot number", "lot code" and "batch number".	—	ISO 7000-2492 2004-01-15

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Table 1 (continued)

Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.1.6 REF	<i>Catalogue number</i>	Indicates the manufacturer's catalogue number so that the medical device can be identified	This symbol shall be accompanied by the manufacturer's catalogue number adjacent to the symbol.	NOTE Synonyms for "catalogue number" are "commercial product name", "commercial product code", stock keeping unit, "reference number" and "reorder number".	—	ISO 7000-2493 2004-01-15
5.1.7 SN	<i>Serial number</i>	Indicates the manufacturer's serial number so that a specific medical device can be identified	This symbol shall be accompanied by the manufacturer's serial number adjacent to the symbol.	—	—	ISO 7000-2498 2004-01-15
5.1.8 	<i>Importer</i>	Indicates the entity importing the medical device into the locale	This symbol shall be accompanied by the name and address of the importing entity adjacent to the symbol.	NOTE If multiple symbols (i.e. Authorized Representative, Importer, Distributor, Translation, or Repackaging) identify the same responsible entity, the name and address need not be duplicated.	—	ISO 7000-3725 2019-11-01
5.1.9 	<i>Distributor</i>	Indicates the entity distributing the medical device into the locale	This symbol shall be accompanied by the name and address of the distributing entity adjacent to the symbol.	NOTE If multiple symbols (i.e. Authorized Representative, Importer, Distributor, Translation, or Repackaging) identify the same responsible entity, the name and address need not be duplicated.	—	ISO 7000-3724 2019-11-01

Table 1 (continued)

Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.1.10 [  ]	Model number	Indicates the <i>model number</i> or type number of a product	This <i>symbol</i> shall be accompanied by the <i>model number</i> of the product adjacent to the <i>symbol</i> .	—	—	IEC 60417-6050 2012-07-14
5.1.11 [  ]	Country of manufacture	To identify the country of manufacture of products	In the application of this <i>symbol</i> , the "CC" shall be replaced by either the two-letter country code or the three letter country code defined in ISO 3166-1. The date of manufacture may be added adjacent to this <i>symbol</i> .	NOTE Not all authorities with jurisdiction recognize the two letter or three letter country codes found in ISO 3166-1.	The use of this <i>symbol</i> with a date of manufacture precludes the use of <i>symbol</i> 5.1.3.	IEC 60417-6049 2012-07-14
5.2 Sterility	Sterile	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that has been subjected to a sterilization process	—	—	Use of this <i>symbol</i> precludes the use of symbols 5.2.2 to 5.2.5 or 5.2.10.	ISO 7000-2499 2004-01-15

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Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.2.2 [ ]	Sterilized using aseptic processing techniques <b>STERILE A</b> [ ]	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that has been manufactured using accepted aseptic techniques	—	NOTE Aseptic techniques can include filtration.	Use of this symbol precludes the use of symbol 5.2.1.	ISO 7000-2500 2004-01-15
5.2.3 [ ]	Sterilized using ethylene oxide <b>STERILE EO</b> [ ]	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that has been sterilized using ethylene oxide	—	—	Use of this symbol precludes the use of symbol 5.2.1.	ISO 7000-2501 2004-01-15
5.2.4 [ ]	Sterilized using irradiation <b>STERILE R</b> [ ]	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that has been sterilized using irradiation	—	—	Use of this symbol precludes the use of symbol 5.2.1.	ISO 7000-2502 2004-01-15
5.2.5 [ ]	Sterilized using steam or dry heat <b>STERILE !</b> [ ]	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that has been sterilized using steam or dry heat	—	—	Use of this symbol precludes the use of symbol 5.2.1.	ISO 7000-2503 2004-01-15

Table 1 (continued)

Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.2.6 [  ]	Do not resterilize	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that is not to be resterilized	—	—	This symbol is only to be used when there is an accompanying <i>Sterile symbol</i> (5.2.1 to 5.2.5 or 5.2.10).	ISO 7000-2608 2004-01-15
5.2.7 [  ]	Non-sterile	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that has not been subjected to a sterilization process	—	—	This symbol should only be used to distinguish between identical or similar <i>medical devices</i> sold in both <i>sterile</i> and <i>non-sterile</i> conditions.	ISO 7000-2609 2004-01-15

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Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.2.8 [  ]	Do not use if package is damaged and consult instructions for use	Indicates that a medical device that should not be used if the package has been damaged or opened and that the user should consult the instructions for use for additional information	—	NOTE 1 "This symbol can also mean "Do not use if the product sterile barrier system or its packaging is compromised". NOTE 2 For products that do not have instructions for use, the recommendation to consult them does not apply.	—	ISO 7000-2606 2004-01-15
5.2.9 [  ]	Sterile fluid path	Indicates the presence of a sterile fluid path within the medical device in cases when other parts of the medical device, including the exterior, might not be supplied sterile	The method of sterilization shall be indicated in the empty portion of the symbol, as appropriate. The part of the medical device that is sterile shall be identified in the information supplied by the manufacturer.	—	—	ISO 7000-3084 2011-10-05
5.2.10 [  ]	Sterilized using hydrogen peroxide	Indicates a medical device that has been sterilized using vaporized hydrogen peroxide	—	NOTE The use of this symbol in Europe is explained in EN 55601:2001, <sup>[21]</sup> 4.1 and the associated note.	Use of this symbol precludes the use of symbol 5.2.1.	N/A

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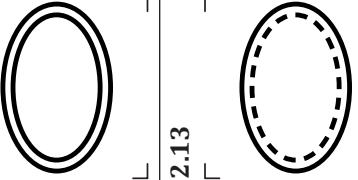
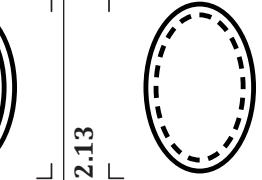
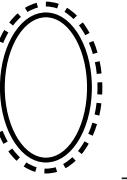
Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.2.11 [  ]	Single sterile barrier system	Indicates a single sterile barrier system	This symbol shall be placed adjacent to or in combination with symbol 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5, 5.2.9 or 5.2.10.	NOTE 1 A solid line identifies a sterile barrier system. NOTE 2 Additional information on sterile barrier systems can be found in ISO 11607-1[5] and ISO 11607-2[6].	—	ISO 7000-3707 2019-10-18
5.2.12 [  ]	Double sterile barrier system	Indicates two sterile barrier systems	This symbol shall be placed adjacent to or in combination with symbol 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5, 5.2.9 or 5.2.10.	NOTE 1 A double solid line indicates a double sterile barrier system. NOTE 2 Additional information on sterile barrier systems can be found in ISO 11607-1[5] and ISO 11607-2[6].	—	ISO 7000-3704 2019-10-18
5.2.13 [  ]	Single sterile barrier system with protective packaging inside	Indicates a single sterile barrier system with protective packaging inside	This symbol shall be placed adjacent to or in combination with symbol 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5, 5.2.9 or 5.2.10.	NOTE 1 The protective packaging located inside the sterile barrier system is designed to prevent damage to the contents or to help with aseptic presentation. It does not provide a microbial barrier to maintain sterility. NOTE 2 Additional information on sterile barrier systems can be found in ISO 11607-1[5] and ISO 11607-2[6].	—	ISO 7000-3708 2019-10-18
5.2.14 [  ]	Single sterile barrier system with protective packaging outside	Indicates a single sterile barrier system with protective packaging outside	This symbol shall be placed adjacent to or in combination with symbol 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5, 5.2.9 or 5.2.10.	NOTE 1 The protective packaging located outside the sterile barrier system is designed to prevent damage to the sterile barrier system and the contents. The protection can be against physical hazards, particulate contamination or other environmental hazards, but it does not include a microbial barrier. NOTE 2 Additional information on sterile barrier systems can be found in ISO 11607-1[5] and ISO 11607-2[6].	—	ISO 7000-3709 2019-10-18

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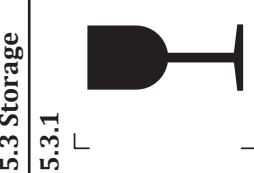
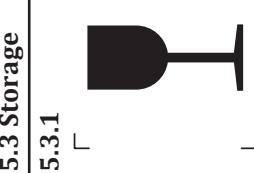
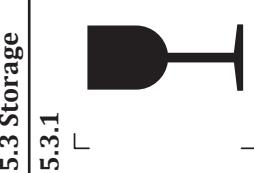
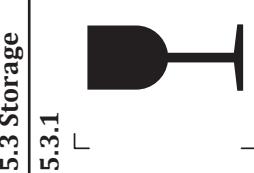
Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
<b>5.3 Storage</b>						
5.3.1 [  ]	Fragile, handle with care	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that can be broken or damaged if not handled carefully	—	—	—	ISO 7000-0621 2014-06-04
5.3.2 [  ]	Keep away from sunlight	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that needs protection from light sources	NOTE This symbol can also mean "Keep away from heat".		—	ISO 7000-0624 2014-06-04
5.3.3 [  ]	Protect from heat and radioactive sources	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that needs protection from heat and radioactive sources	NOTE 1 This symbol can also mean "Keep away from sunlight and radioactive sources". NOTE 2 Radioactive sources include ionizing radiation.		—	ISO 7000-0615 2004-01-15
5.3.4 [  ]	Keep dry	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that needs to be protected from moisture	NOTE This symbol can also mean "Keep away from rain" as referenced in ISO 7000.		—	ISO 7000-0626 2014-06-04

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Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.3.5 └  ┐	Lower limit of temperature	Indicates the lower limit of temperature to which the <i>medical device</i> can be safely exposed.	The lower limit of temperature shall be indicated adjacent to the lower horizontal line.	—	—	ISO 7000-0534 2004-01-15
5.3.6 └  ┐	Upper limit of temperature	Indicates the upper limit of temperature to which the <i>medical device</i> can be safely exposed	The upper limit of temperature shall be indicated adjacent to the upper horizontal line.	—	—	ISO 7000-0533 2004-01-15
5.3.7 └  ┐	Temperature limit	Indicates the temperature limits to which the <i>medical device</i> can be safely exposed	The upper and lower limits of temperature shall be indicated adjacent to the upper and lower horizontal lines.	—	—	ISO 7000-0632 2014-06-04
5.3.8 └  ┐	Humidity limitation	Indicates the range of humidity to which the <i>medical device</i> can be safely exposed	The humidity limitation shall be indicated adjacent to the upper and lower horizontal lines.	—	—	ISO 7000-2620 2004-01-15

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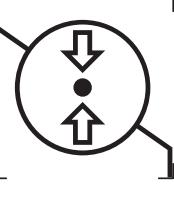
Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.3.9 [  ]	Atmospheric pressure limitation	Indicates the range of atmospheric pressure to which the medical device can be safely exposed	The atmospheric pressure limitations shall be indicated adjacent to the upper and lower horizontal lines.	—	—	ISO 7000-2621 2004-01-15
5.4 Safe use						
5.4.1 [  ]	Biological risks	Indicates that there are potential biological risks associated with the medical device		NOTE This symbol is not to be confused with the safety sign "Biological hazard" ISO 7010-W009.	—	ISO 7000-0659 2004-01-15
5.4.2 [  ]	Do not re-use	Indicates a medical device that is intended for one single use only	—	NOTE Synonyms for "Do not re-use" are "single use" and "use only once".	—	ISO 7000-1051 2004-01-15
5.4.3 [  ]	Consult instructions for use or consult electronic instructions for use	Indicates the need for the user to consult the <i>instructions for use</i>	—	NOTE 1 Syonym for "Consult instructions for use" is "Consult operating instructions". NOTE 2 See also ISO 20417[15] and the safety sign ISO 7010-M002. NOTE 3 See A.16 for examples and for use in directing users to consult the electronic <i>instructions for use</i> .	—	ISO 7000-1641 2004-01-15

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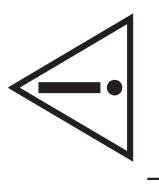
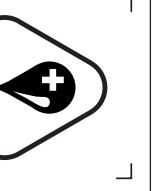
Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.4.4 [  ]	Caution	Indicates that caution is necessary when operating the device or control close to where the symbol is placed, or that the current situation needs operator awareness or operator action in order to avoid undesirable consequences.	The symbol variant ISO 7000-0434B ("Caution") may be used.	—	"This symbol shall not be used solely to mean "consult instructions for use".	ISO 7000-0434A 2004-01-15
5.4.5 [  ]	Contains or presence of natural rubber latex	Indicates the presence of dry natural rubber or natural rubber latex as a material of construction within the medical device or the packaging of a medical device	NOTE Those people who can have allergic reactions to certain latex proteins.	This symbol should not be used for medical devices containing "synthetic rubber".	Application of ISO 7000, symbol 2725 2005-09-08	
5.4.6 [  ]	Contains human blood or plasma derivatives	Indicates a medical device that contains or incorporates human blood or plasma derivatives	The embedded cross may be deleted or replaced with another element appropriate with cultural requirements.	—	—	ISO 7000-3701 2010-10-18

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Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.4.7 []	Contains a medicinal substance	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that contains or incorporates a medicinal substance	The embedded cross may be deleted or replaced with another element appropriate with cultural requirements.	—	—	ISO 7000-3702 2019-10-18
5.4.8 []	Contains biological material of animal origin	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that contains biological tissue, cells, or their derivatives, of animal origin	—	—	—	ISO 7000-3699 2019-10-18
5.4.9 []	Contains biological material of human origin	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that contains biological tissue, cells, or their derivatives, of human origin	—	—	—	ISO 7000-3700 2019-10-18
5.4.10 []	Contains hazardous substances	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that contains substances that can be carcinogenic, mutagenic, reprotoxic (CMR), or substances with endocrine disrupting properties	—	NOTE The term "substances" is used to indicate a single substance or multiple substances.	—	ISO 7000-3723 2019-11-01

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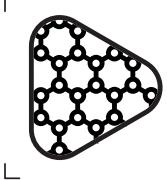
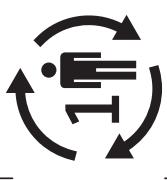
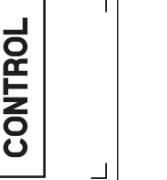
Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.4.11 [  ]	Contains nano materials	Indicates a medical device that contains nanomaterials	—	—	—	ISO 7000-3703 2019-10-18
5.4.12 [  ]	Single patient multiple use	Indicates a medical device that may be used multiple times (multiple procedures) on a single patient	—	—	—	ISO 7000-3706 2019-10-18
<b>5.5 IVD-specific</b>						
5.5.1 [  ]	In vitro diagnostic medical device	Indicates a medical device that is intended to be used as an in vitro diagnostic medical device	—	NOTE For use in Europe, the full definition of "in vitro diagnostic medical device" is given in EU Regulation 2017/746. <sup>24</sup> Other jurisdictions can have unique definitions.	This symbol should only be used to identify in vitro diagnostic medical devices or their accessories and not to specify that the medical device is for "in vitro use".	N/A
5.5.2 [  ]	Control	Indicates a control material that is intended to verify the performance of another medical device	—	NOTE For negative controls, use symbol 5.5.3 and for positive controls use symbol 5.5.4.	—	N/A

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Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.5.3 [ ]	Negative control	Indicates a control material that is intended to verify the results in the expected negative range	—	—	—	ISO 7000-2495 2004-01-15
[ ] <b>CONTROL -</b>						
5.5.4 [ ]	Positive control	Indicates a control material that is intended to verify the results in the expected positive range	—	—	—	ISO 7000-2496 2004-01-15
[ ] <b>CONTROL +</b>						
5.5.5 [ ]	Contains sufficient for $< n >$ tests	Indicates the total number of tests that can be performed with the <i>medical device</i>	The number of tests that can be performed with the <i>medical device</i> shall appear adjacent to the symbol.	NOTE This symbol is suitable for use with all medical devices including in vitro diagnostic medical devices.	—	ISO 7000-0518 2004-01-15
[ ] 						
5.5.6 [ ] 	For IVD performance evaluation only	Indicates an IVD <i>medical device</i> that is intended to be used only for evaluating its performance characteristics before it is placed on the market for medical diagnostic use	—	NOTE 1 A synonym is "IVD for investigational use only". NOTE 2 A <i>medical device</i> that is for in vitro diagnostic performance evaluation only is not intended to be used for any in vitro diagnostic examination for medical purposes (i.e. to yield diagnostic results). [ ]	This symbol shall not appear jointly with symbol 5.5.1.	ISO 7000-3083 2011-10-03 2023.1.2021

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Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
<b>5.6 Transfusion/infusion</b>						
5.6.1 [  ]	Sampling site	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> or blood processing application that includes a system dedicated to the collection of samples of a given substance stored in the <i>medical device</i> or blood container	—	—	This symbol is not to be associated with a site on a patient where samples are taken.	ISO 7000-2715 2005-09-08
5.6.2 [  ]	Fluid path	Indicates the presence of a fluid path	—	NOTE The term "fluid" means a liquid or gas.	—	ISO 7000-2722 2005-09-08
5.6.3 [  ]	Non-pyrogenic	Indicates a <i>medical device</i> that is non-pyrogenic	—	—	—	ISO 7000-2724 2005-09-08
5.6.4 [  ]	Drops per millilitre	Indicates the number of drops per millilitre	The number of drops per millilitre is specified; 20 is shown as an example and shall be replaced by the appropriate number of drops per millilitre.	—	—	ISO 7000-2726 2005-09-08

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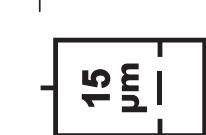
Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.6.5 [  ]	Liquid filter with pore size	Indicates an infusion or transfusion system of the medical device that contains a filter of a particular nominal pore size.	The nominal pore size of the filter is specified; 15 is shown as an example and shall be replaced by the appropriate pore size.	—	—	ISO 7000-2727 2005-09-08
5.6.6 [  ]	One-way valve	Indicates a medical device with a valve that allows flow in only one direction	—	NOTE It is important for the user to know that the flow is only possible in one direction and cannot be reversed.	—	ISO 7000-2728 2005-09-08
<b>5.7 Others</b>						
5.7.1 [  ]	Patient number	Indicates a unique number associated with an individual patient	When used, the symbol shall appear adjacent to the patient number or next to a space provided to record it.	NOTE The hash mark (#) is part of the symbol.	—	ISO 7000-2610 2004-01-15
5.7.2 [  ]	Patient name	Indicates the name of the patient	When used, the symbol shall appear adjacent to the patient name or next to a space provided to record it.	—	—	ISO 7000-3726 2019-11-01

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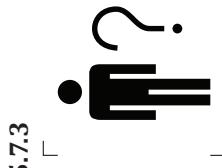
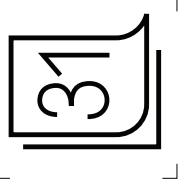
Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.7.3 [  ]	Patient identification	Indicates the identification data of the patient	When used, the symbol shall appear adjacent to the patient identification or next to a space provided to record it.	NOTE The question mark (?) is part of the symbol.	—	IEC 60417-5664 2002-10-07
5.7.4 [  ]	Patient information website	Indicates a website where a patient can obtain additional information on the medical product	This symbol shall be accompanied by the web address adjacent to the symbol.	NOTE Usage is to indicate location of information available to the patient.	—	ISO 7000-3705 2019-10-18
5.7.5 [  ]	Health care centre or doctor	Indicates the address of the health care centre or doctor where medical information about the patient may be found	When used, the symbol shall appear adjacent to the address of the health care centre or doctor or next to a space provided to record it.	NOTE The embedded cross can be deleted or replaced with another element appropriate with cultural requirements.	—	ISO 7001 PI PF 044 2013-05-31
5.7.6 [  ]	Date	Indicates the date that information was entered or a medical procedure took place	When used, the symbol shall appear adjacent to the date appropriate for the use of this symbol or next to a space provided to record it.	—	IEC 60417-5662 2002-10-07	

Table 1 (continued)

Reference number and graphic	Title	Description	Requirements	Notes	Restrictions of use	ISO/IEC symbol number and registration date
5.7.7 [MD]	<i>Medical device</i>	Indicates the item is a <i>medical device</i>	—	NOTE For use in Europe the full definition of "medical device" is given in EU Regulation 2017/745. <sup>[23]</sup> Other jurisdictions can have unique definitions.	—	N/A
5.7.8 [A]→[X]	<i>Translation</i>	Indicates that the original <i>medical device</i> information has undergone a translation which supplements or replaces the original information	This <i>symbol</i> shall be accompanied by the name and address of the entity that is responsible for the translation activity adjacent to the <i>symbol</i> .	NOTE If multiple <i>symbols</i> (i.e. Authorized Representative, Importer, Distributor, Translation, or Repackaging) identify the same responsible entity, the name and address need not be duplicated.	This <i>symbol</i> shall only be used when the translation activity was undertaken by someone other than the manufacturer.	ISO 7000-3728 2019-11-01
5.7.9 [cube]→[cube]	<i>Repackaging</i>	Indicates that a modification to the original <i>medical device</i> packaging configuration has occurred	This <i>symbol</i> shall be accompanied by the name and address of the entity that is responsible for the repackaging activity adjacent to the <i>symbol</i> .	NOTE 1 Depending on the authority having jurisdiction, additional information (i.e. date of repackaging) can be needed.	This <i>symbol</i> shall only be used when the repackaging activity was undertaken by someone other than the manufacturer.	ISO 7000-3727 2019-11-01
5.7.10 [UDI]	<i>Unique device identifier</i>	Indicates a carrier that contains unique device identifier information	This <i>symbol</i> may be used when multiple data carriers are present on the label. If used, this <i>symbol</i> shall be placed adjacent to the unique device identifier carrier.	NOTE This <i>symbol</i> identifies the UDI carrier, including the AIDC and human readable information.	—	N/A

## Annex A (informative)

### Guidance and examples of *symbol* use, including multiple *symbols*

**NOTE 1** These examples show the requested information (e.g. Name, Address, Date, etc.) on the right side of the *symbol* or below it. If the association between the *symbol* and the requested information is unambiguous, a manufacturer can choose to put the requested information to the left or above the *symbol*.

**NOTE 2** If needed, manufacturers may make modifications to *symbols* as explained in IEC 80416-3:2002, Clause 4.<sup>[20]</sup>

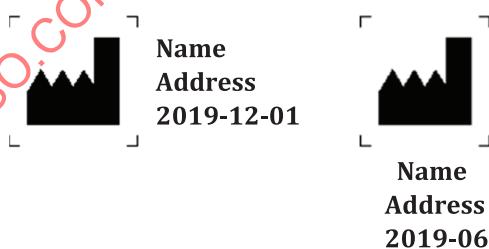
#### A.1 Guidance

Terms 3.1 (*accompanying information*) and 3.6 (*information supplied by the manufacturer*) are very similar and their application can vary by *authorities having jurisdiction*. ISO 20417:2021,<sup>[15]</sup> Annex A provides additional clarification.

#### A.2 Examples of use of *symbol* 5.1.1, “*Manufacturer*”

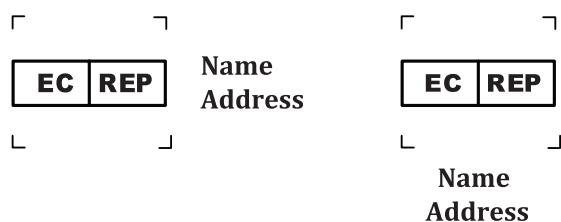


#### A.3 Examples of use of *symbol* 5.1.1, “*Manufacturer*”, combined with 5.1.3, “*Date of manufacture*”



#### A.4 Example of use of *symbol* 5.1.2, “*Authorized representative in the European Community/European Union*”

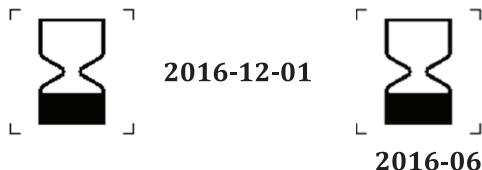
Examples for an authorized representative in the European Community/  
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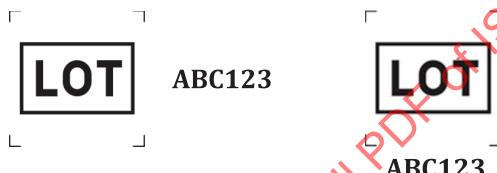
**A.5 Examples of use of symbol 5.1.3, “Date of manufacture”**



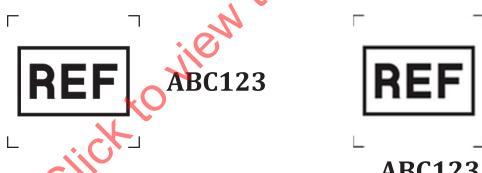
**A.6 Examples of use of symbol 5.1.4, “Use-by date”**



**A.7 Examples of use of symbol 5.1.5, “Batch code”**



**A.8 Examples of use of symbol 5.1.6, “Catalogue number”**



**A.9 Examples of use of symbol 5.1.7, “Serial number”**



**A.10 Examples of use of symbol 5.1.8, “Importer”**

