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- a clause on compliance has been added.

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- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

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## INTRODUCTION

This International Standard specifies a standard means and format for the reporting of the acoustic output of medical diagnostic ultrasonic equipment. The numerical values for reporting purposes represent the average values for the maximum output conditions for a given discrete- or combined-operating mode and are derived from measurements made in water.

Intensity parameters are specified in this standard, but these are regarded as derived quantities that are meaningful only under certain assumptions related to the ultrasonic field being measured.

# STANDARD MEANS FOR THE REPORTING OF THE ACOUSTIC OUTPUT OF MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASONIC EQUIPMENT

## 1 Scope

This International Standard is applicable to medical diagnostic ultrasonic equipment.

- It provides a set of traceable acoustic parameters describing the acoustic fields.
- It defines a standard means and format for the reporting of the acoustic output information.
- It also describes a reduced dataset recommended for equipment generating low acoustic output levels.

NOTE The information tabulated in this standard format can be used for

- a) exposure planning for biological effects studies;
- b) exposure data for prospective epidemiological studies conducted using exposure conditions similar to those reported in this standard. In the absence of actual exposure data for retrospective epidemiological studies, the information tabulated in this standard format might also be used with cautionary comment.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

IEC 60050-801:1994 *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 801: Acoustics and electroacoustics*

IEC 61161, *Ultrasonics – Power measurement – Radiation force balances and performance requirements*

IEC 62127-1, *Ultrasonics – Hydrophones – Part 1: Measurement and characterization of medical ultrasonic fields up to 40 MHz*

ISO 16269-6:2005, *Statistical interpretation of data – Part 6: Determination of statistical tolerance intervals*

ISO/IEC Guide 98:1995, *Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM)*