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Foreword

This document (EN 1733:2002) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 215, "Respiratory and anaesthetic equipment", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by May 2003, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by May 2003.

This document supersedes EN 1733:1998.

This European Standard is based on ISO 8836:1997 *Suction catheters for use in the respiratory tract*, prepared by ISO/TC 121.

It differs from ISO 8836:1997 in that it recognises a distinction between tracheal and endobronchial suction catheters.

Annex A is informative. Annexes B and C are normative.

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Introduction

This European Standard specifies dimensions and requirements for suction catheters for use in the respiratory tract.

Size is designated by outside diameter which is important when selecting catheters, because of its relationship to the ease with which the catheter can be passed through a tracheal or tracheostomy tube (see EN 1782 for details of tracheal tube standards and EN 1282-1 and EN 1282-2 for details of tracheostomy tube standards). Requirements for suction catheters made of rubber have been deleted because such catheters are no longer in general use.

This European Standard recognises the potential for damage to the mucosa through the use of suction catheters with a terminal orifice only and restricts this tip configuration to endobronchial suction catheters, which are used under visual guidance.

Flammability of suction catheters, for example if flammable anaesthetics or lasers are used, is a well-recognized hazard that is addressed by appropriate clinical management, and is outside the scope of this standard (See ISO/TR 11991)

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