Foreword

The Saudi Food & Drug Authority is an independent organization mainly responsible for regulating imported/locally produced food, drug and medical devices, which includes, inter alia, setting their standards.

(Sterilization of health care products -- biological and chemical indicators -- test equipment), issued by (International Organization for Standardization), has been adopted identically in its original language as a national standard and approved by SFDA CEO decision No (...) on (date)

Scope:

This document specifies the requirements for test equipment to be used to:

— test biological indicators for steam, ethylene oxide gas and dry heat sterilization processes for conformity to the requirements given in ISO 11138 series;

— test chemical indicators for steam, ethylene oxide gas, dry heat and vaporized hydrogen peroxide sterilization processes for conformity to the requirements given in ISO 11140-1:2014.

This document also provides informative methods useful in characterizing the performance of biological and chemical indicators for intended use and for routine quality control testing.

This document does not specify requirements for test equipment for processes specifically for testing chemical and biological indicators intended to monitor isolator and room biodecontamination processes at atmospheric pressure.

ISO 11138-2:2017, ISO 11138-3:2017, ISO 11138-4:2017 and ISO 11140-1:2014 require the use of resistometers specified in this document, and these resistometers are used in conjunction with the test methods specified in the appropriate parts of ISO 11138 series and ISO 11140 series.

Resistometers for low temperature steam and formaldehyde indicators are not included in this document. Test methods using laboratory apparatus for low temperature steam and formaldehyde are included in ISO 11138-5:2017.

Test equipment for testing Type 2 (e.g. Bowie Dick) chemical indicators are specified in ISO 11140-3:2007, ISO 11140-4:2007, and ISO 11140-5:2007.