ANNEX V

EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY
(Production quality assurance)

1. The manufacturer must ensure application of the quality system approved for the manufacture of the products concerned and carry out the final inspection, as specified in Section 3, and is subject to the Community surveillance referred to in Section 4.

[F1 2. The EC declaration of conformity is the part of the procedure whereby the manufacturer who fulfils the obligations imposed by Section 1 ensures and declares that the products concerned conform to the type described in the EC type-examination certificate and meet the provisions of this Directive which apply to them.

The manufacturer must affix the CE marking in accordance with Article 17 and draw up a written declaration of conformity. This declaration must cover one or more medical devices manufactured, clearly identified by means of product name, product code or other unambiguous reference, and must be kept by the manufacturer.**]**

Textual Amendments

F1 Substituted by Directive 2007/47/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 September 2007 amending Council Directive 90/385/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to active implantable medical devices, Council Directive 93/42/EEC concerning medical devices and Directive 98/8/EC concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market (Text with EEA relevance).

3. Quality system

3.1. The manufacturer must lodge an application for assessment of his quality system with a notified body.

The application must include:

— the name and address of the manufacturer,

— all the relevant information on the product or product category covered by the procedure,

— a written declaration that no application has been lodged with any other notified body for the same products,

— the documentation on the quality system,

— an undertaking to fulfil the obligations imposed by the quality system is approved,

— an undertaking to maintain the practicability and effectiveness of the approved quality system,

— where appropriate, the technical documentation on the types approved and a copy of the EC type-examination certificates,

— **[**F1 an undertaking by the manufacturer to institute and keep up to date a systematic procedure to review experience gained from devices in the post-production phase, including the provisions referred to in Annex X, and to implement appropriate means to apply any necessary corrective action. This undertaking must include an obligation for the manufacturer to notify the competent authorities of the following incidents immediately on learning of them:**]**

(i) any malfunction or deterioration in the characteristics and/or performance of a device, as well as any inadequacy in the labelling or the instructions for

use which might lead to or might have led to the death of a patient or user or to a serious deterioration in his state of health;

(ii) any technical or medical reason connected with the characteristics or performance of a device for the reasons referred to in subparagraph (i) above leading to a systematic recall of devices of the same type by the manufacturer.

3.2. Application of the quality system must ensure that the products conform to the type described in the EC type-examination certificate.

All the elements, requirements and provisions adopted by the manufacturer for his quality system must be documented in a systematic and orderly manner in the form of written policy statements and procedures. This quality system documentation must permit uniform interpretation of the quality policy and procedures such as quality programmes, plans, manuals and records.

It must include in particular an adequate description of:

(a) the manufacturer's quality objectives;

(b) the organization of the business and in particular:
- the organizational structures, the responsibilities of the managerial staff and their organizational authority where manufacture of the products is concerned,
- the methods of monitoring the efficient operation of the quality system and in particular its ability to achieve the desired quality of product, including control of products which fail to conform**[**F1**,]**
- **[**F2where the manufacture and/or final inspection and testing of the products, or elements thereof, are carried out by a third party, the methods of monitoring the efficient operation of the quality system and in particular the type and extent of control applied to the third party;**]**

(c) the inspection and quality assurance techniques at the manufacturing stage and in particular:
- the processes and procedures which will be used, particularly as regards sterilization, purchasing and the relevant documents,
- the product identification procedures drawn up and kept up to date from drawings, specifications or other relevant documents at every stage of manufacture;

(d) the appropriate tests and trials to be carried out before, during and after manufacture, the frequency with which they will take place, and the test equipment used; it must be possible adequately to trace back the calibration of the test equipment.

Textual Amendments

F2 Inserted by Directive 2007/47/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 September 2007 amending Council Directive 90/385/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to active implantable medical devices, Council Directive 93/42/EEC concerning medical devices and Directive 98/8/EC concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market (Text with EEA relevance).

3.3. The notified body must audit the quality system to determine whether it meets the requirements referred to in Section 3.2. It must presume that quality systems which implement the relevant harmonized standards conform to these requirements.

The assessment team must include at least one member with past experience of assessments of the technology concerned. The assessment procedure must include an inspection on the manufacturer's premises and, in duly substantiated cases, on the premises of the manufacturer's suppliers to inspect the manufacturing processes.

The decision must be notified to the manufacturer after the final inspection and contain the conclusions of the inspection and a reasoned assessment.

3.4. The manufacturer must inform the notified body which approved the quality system of any plan for substantial changes to the quality system.

The notified body must assess the changes proposed and verify whether after these changes the quality system still meets the requirements referred to in Section 3.2.

After the abovementioned information has been received the decision is notified to the manufacturer. It must contain the conclusions of the inspection and a reasoned assessment.

4. Surveillance

4.1. The aim of surveillance is to ensure that the manufacturer duly fulfils the obligations imposed by the approved quality system.

4.2. The manufacturer authorizes the notified body to carry out all the necessary inspections and must supply it with all relevant information, in particular:

— the documentation on the quality system,

— **[**[F2]the technical documentation,**]**

— the data stipulated in the part of the quality system relating to manufacture, such as inspection reports and test data, calibration data, qualification reports of the personnel concerned, etc.

4.3. The notified body must periodically carry out appropriate inspections and assessments to make sure that the manufacturer applies the approved quality system and supply the manufacturer with an assessment report.

4.4. In addition, the notified body may pay unannounced visits to the manufacturer. At the time of such visits, the notified body may, where necessary, carry out or ask for tests in order to check that the quality system is working properly. It must provide the manufacturer with an inspection report and, if a test has been carried out, with a test report.

5. Administrative provisions

5.1. **[**[F1]The manufacturer or his authorised representative must, for a period ending at least five years, and in the case of implantable devices at least 15 years, after the last product has been manufactured, make available to the national authorities:**]**

— the declaration of conformity,

— the documentation referred to in the fourth indent of Section 3.1,

— the changes referred to in Section 3.4,

— the documentation referred to in the seventh indent of Section 3.1,

— the decisions and reports from the notified body as referred to in Sections 4.3 and 4.4,

— where appropriate, the type-examination certificate referred to in Annex III.

[F3]5.2. . . . . .

Textual Amendments

F3 Deleted by Directive 98/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 1998 on in vitro diagnostic medical devices.

[[F1]6. Application to devices in Class IIa

In line with Article 11(2), this Annex may apply to products in Class IIa, subject to the following:

6.1. By way of derogation from Sections 2, 3.1 and 3.2, by virtue of the declaration of conformity the manufacturer ensures and declares that the products in Class IIa are manufactured in conformity with the technical documentation referred to in Section 3 of Annex VII and meet the requirements of this Directive which apply to them.

6.2. For devices in Class IIa the notified body shall assess, as part of the assessment in Section 3.3, the technical documentation as described in Section 3 of Annex VII for at least one representative sample for each device subcategory for compliance with the provisions of this Directive.

6.3. In choosing representative sample(s) the notified body shall take into account the novelty of the technology, similarities in design, technology, manufacturing and sterilisation methods, the intended use and the results of any previous relevant assessments (e.g. with regard to physical, chemical or biological properties) that have been carried out in accordance with this Directive. The notified body shall document and keep available to the competent authority its rationale for the sample(s) taken.

6.4. Further samples shall be assessed by the notified body as part of the surveillance assessment referred to in Section 4.3.**]**

[[F4]7. Application to devices referred to in Article 1(4a)

Upon completing the manufacture of each batch of devices referred to in Article 1(4a), the manufacturer shall inform the notified body of the release of the batch of devices and send to it the official certificate concerning the release of the batch of human blood derivative used in the device issued by a State laboratory or a laboratory designated for that purpose by a Member State in accordance with **[**[F1]Article 114(2) of Directive 2001/83/EC**].]**

Textual Amendments

F4 Inserted by Directive 2000/70/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 November 2000 amending Council Directive 93/42/EEC as regards medical devices incorporating stable derivates of human blood or human plasma.