# ANNEX X

## CLINICAL EVALUATION

1. General provisions

[F1 1.1. As a general rule, confirmation of conformity with the requirements concerning the characteristics and performances referred to in Sections 1 and 3 of Annex I, under the normal conditions of use of the device, and the evaluation of the side-effects and of the acceptability of the benefit/risk ratio referred to in Section 6 of Annex I, must be based on clinical data. The evaluation of this data, hereinafter referred to as 'clinical evaluation', where appropriate taking account of any relevant harmonised standards, must follow a defined and methodologically sound procedure based on:

1.1.1. Either a critical evaluation of the relevant scientific literature currently available relating to the safety, performance, design characteristics and intended purpose of the device, where:

— there is demonstration of equivalence of the device to the device to which the data relates, and

— the data adequately demonstrate compliance with the relevant essential requirements.

1.1.2. Or a critical evaluation of the results of all clinical investigations made.

1.1.3. Or a critical evaluation of the combined clinical data provided in 1.1.1 and 1.1.2.]

**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).