Foreword

Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) is an independent organization with main purpose of regulating and monitoring of foods, drugs and medical devices. One of SFDA functions is to issue national Standards /Technical Regulation in the fields of foods, drugs and medical devices, whether imported or manufactured locally, through specialized technical committees (TCs). SFDA medical devices sector through the work program of technical committee (SFDA/MDS/TC 198) "Sterilization of health care products" has adopted the International Standard No. (ISO 11138-2:2017) "Sterilization of health care products -- Biological indicators -- Part 2: Biological indicators for ethylene oxide sterilization processes" issued by "International Organization for Standardization" in its original language. This standard is identically adopted in its original language and has been approved as national standard by SFDA board of directors in its meeting No () Held on (../../14..AH), agreed with (../../20.. G).

Scope:

This document specifies requirements for test organisms, suspensions, inoculated carriers, biological indicators and test methods intended for use in assessing the performance of sterilizers and sterilization processes employing ethylene oxide gas as the sterilizing agent, either as pure ethylene oxide gas or mixtures of this gas with diluent gases, at sterilizing temperatures within the range of 29 °C to 65 °C.

NOTE 1 Requirements for validation and control of ethylene oxide sterilization processes are provided by ISO 11135 and ISO 14937.

NOTE 2 National or regional regulations can provide requirements for work place safety.