

ADVICE & GUIDELINES ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

FOR DISPENSING OPTICIANS

APPENDIX F [2] - BRITISH/CEN/ISO STANDARDS

British, European and International Standards

AF2.1 UK registered dispensing opticians may be placing themselves at risk in law if they do not supply lenses and frames that conform to the various Standards for appliances. (See Appendix F[2]). This applies to all finished spectacles. The Standards have been 'registered' with the Department of Trade and Industry under the Consumer Protection Act 1987. The Act makes provision with respect to the liability for damage caused by defective products. Consumer goods (and this includes optical appliances) will be deemed not to conform to general safety requirements unless they comply with British Standards in the case of spectacles.

AF2.2 Existing ophthalmic standards are being further developed and British Standards have become based on European and International norms.

The current standards are detailed on the British Standards website www.bsi-global.com : follow the links through - *Standards / Standards & publications / Healthcare / Optics titles / Status / Current*.

APPENDIX F [3] - MEDICAL DEVICES DIRECTIVE

The Medical Devices Directive (MDD) (93/42/EEC) covers a wide range of products. The Medical Devices Regulations (SI 1994 No. 3017), which implemented this Directive, came into force in the UK on 1 January 1995. From 14 June 1998 all devices placed on the market under the Regulations, with the exception of devices intended for clinical investigation and custom-made devices, must carry the CE mark. However, as regards ophthalmic devices, registration must occur in the following groups:

1. lamps in ophthalmic examination
2. fundus cameras, keratometers/slit lamp microscopes
3. low vision aids
4. ophthalmoscopes/retinoscopes
5. spectacle lenses
6. spectacle frames
7. ready-made non-prescribed spectacles
8. sight testing devices

Further information is obtainable from The Medical Devices Agency,
Department of Health, Hannibal House, Elephant & Castle, London SE1 6TQ
Tel: 020 7972 8090/8300 (24 hours) Fax: 020 7972 8112. Website address:
www.medical-devices.gov.uk

APPENDIX G - USEFUL WEBSITES

Association of British Dispensing Opticians

www.abdo.org.uk

Association of Optometrists

www.assoc-optometrists.org

British Medical Association

www.bma.org.uk

British Standards Institute

www.bsi-global.com

CET Optics

www.cetoptics.com

Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence

www.chre.org.uk

College of Optometrists

www.college-optometrists.org

Data Protection Agency

www.dataprotection.gov.uk

Federation of Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians

www.fodo.com

Federation of Manufacturing Opticians

www.fmo.co.uk

Freedom of Information Act

www.foi.gov.uk

General Medical Council

www.gmc-uk.org

General Optical Council

www.optical.org

Guidance for the re-use of contact lenses and ophthalmic devices

http://www.college-optometrists.org/objects_store/cjd.pdf

Health and Safety Executive

www.hse.gov.org

Medical Devices Agency

www.medical-devices.gov.uk

Optical Consumer Complaints Service

www.opticalcomplaints.co.uk

Royal College of Ophthalmologists

www.rcophth.ac.uk

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

www.rpsgb.org.uk

Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers

www.spectaclemakers.com

Smoke free legislation

www.smokefreeengland.co.uk

www.northernireland.gov.uk

www.scotland.gov.uk

www.swansea.gov.uk/smoking