Animal Welfare Directive

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STERIS does not conduct any animal research in-house. However, due to the highly regulated nature of our business, the EPA, FDA and in some cases, other agencies require us to conduct animal testing on some of our products prior to clearance. We work to minimize the need for such testing but, when required, we use third parties accredited by organizations such as AAALAC, IACUC and others for the humane treatment of animals.

More specifically for the assessment of medical device products, STERIS follows clause 4.2 of BS EN ISO 10993-2:2022 Biological evaluation of medical devices — Animal welfare requirements.

It is STERIS's goal and intent, in accordance with the ISO 10993 series, that the design and conduct of animal tests to evaluate the biocompatibility of materials used in medical devices shall be formed by, and incorporate, relevant strategies for the replacement, reduction and refinement of animal tests.