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Question:

EN ISO 16321-1:2022 defines the area of assessment as the EOZ.

EN ISO 18526-3:2020, cl. 6.12 instructs to mark two circles of a particular diameter (based on the headform claim). However, the two circles do not equate to the EOZ area of assessment required by 7.15 b).

How should the Test Laboratory proceed in performing the test?

Solution:

Requirement b) should be applied to the two circles marked, EN ISO 18526-3:2020, 6.12.

Reason:

EOZ is an area on the test headform that cannot easily be translated to the test paper.

Note: applying two circles of a specific diameter agrees with previous test methods e.g. EN 168.