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<p>Question:</p> <p>Must valve assemblies be able to be replaced as required by clause 6.12.1?</p> <p>(The wording of clauses 6.9 and 6.12.1 seem incompatible in the case of integral components of inhalation and exhalation valves.)</p>			
<p>Solution:</p> <p>No. If any components of valve assemblies are not intended by the manufacturer to be replaced, that is acceptable.</p> <p>Reason:</p> <p>EN 136:1998 has corresponding requirements in clause 7.10 and clause 7.15.1, but includes additional words in clause 7.15.1 when compared to EN 140:1998 clause 6.12.1 which make the requirements compatible.</p> <p>This additional wording is underlined below:</p> <p>“Valve assemblies shall be such that they can be readily maintained and <u>if intended by the manufacturer</u> correctly replaced.”</p> <p>EN 140:1998 clause 6.12.1 should be read as if including the additional words.</p>			