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Question:				
ISO 16321-1:2021 does only establish a requirement for solar blue-light absorption / transmittance (in 6.3.3.5.2), but does not establish a requirement for blue-light absorption / transmittance for spectacles and glasses intended to protect against radiation emitted from artificial sources. A requirement for the blue-light absorption / transmittance of welding filters is given in ISO 16321-2:2021, 4.3.1.2. Another requirement for the blue light absorption / transmittance is given in EN ISO 12312-1, 5.3.5.1 for sunglasses for general use. No required limits are given in any of these standards.				
What shall be the requirement for the blue-light absorption / transmittance for spectacles, lenses or glasses intended to provide protection against radiation emitted from artificial sources in the blue spectral range?				
Solution:				
Which value, either / both the solar blue-light absorption / transmittance or / and the blue-light absorption / transmittance shall be specified, depends on the intended application.				
If the manufacturer claims that a filter (lenses, ocular etc) provides a protection against blue light, either / both the solar blue-light absorption / transmittance ть (for protection against sunlight) or / and the blue-light absorption / transmittance ть (for protection against artificial				

sources) shall be specified. Where it is claimed that a filter has less than x % (solar) blue-light transmittance, the (solar) blue-light transmittance, rsb or  $\tau$ b, of the filter shall not exceed (x + 0.5) %. Where it is claimed that a filter has more than x % (solar) blue-light absorption, the (solar) blue-light transmittance,  $\tau$ sb or  $\tau$ b, of the filter shall not exceed (100.5-x) %. Either / both the solar blue-light

transmittance or / and the blue-light transmittance shall be measured according to ISO 18526-2 9.1 or / and 9.2.