

## Glossary

<b>AIDS</b>	Acquired immune deficiency syndrome.
<b>AQL</b>	Acceptable quality level (used in standards testing). It is a statistically valid means of determining batch acceptance by sample testing from a batch.
<b>ARP</b>	Average realized price-the value of LRC's sales in a period divided by the volume of sales. See <b>SCI</b> .
<b>BSI</b>	British Standards Institution.
<b>CEN</b>	The European Standards Organization, including both EC and EFTA countries. BSI is the UK member.
<b>Cervical cap</b>	A female barrier contraceptive device, inserted before intercourse and designed to fit over the cervix only. Cervical caps (of which there are a number of kinds) are smaller than <b>diaphragms</b> .
<b>Diaphragm</b>	A female barrier contraceptive device coated with spermicidal cream and inserted into the vagina. It fits behind the pubic bone and covers the cervix to block the entrance to the womb. Used to be known as the 'Dutch cap'.
<b>Femidom</b>	The brand name of a female, <b>polyurethane</b> condom introduced into the UK market in 1992 by Chartex International PLC.
<b>HIV</b>	Human immunodeficiency virus.
<b>Hypoallergenic</b>	Having a lower potential for causing allergic reaction.
<b>ISO</b>	International Organization for Standardization.
<b>IUD</b>	Intra-uterine device. A plastic and copper contraceptive device inserted into the womb, usually by a doctor, which can be left in place for a period of years, depending on type.
<b>Nonoxynol</b>	A spermicidal agent, commonly incorporated in a lubricant, which inactivates escaped sperms and appears to work against <b>HIV</b> .
<b>Polyurethane</b>	A synthetic plastics material. The female condom, <b>Femidom</b> , is made of polyurethane, and LRC has recently developed a polyurethane male condom.
<b>Prophylaxis</b>	The preventive treatment of disease.
<b>SCI</b>	Special Cost Index. An index which attempts to reflect the input costs of LRC's condom business. The previous MMC inquiry recommended that LRC's <b>ARP</b> should not be allowed to increase at a greater annual rate than 1.5 percentage points less than the rise in the <b>SCI</b> .
<b>Thermoplastic elastomer</b>	A plastic material which can be heat formed, with elastic properties akin to those of rubber.
<b>Vulcanization</b>	A chemical reaction, promoted by heat, after the addition of sulphur and activators to raw natural rubber, which converts it into a durable, elastic material.