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- "Class" (classification, classified) has been changed to grade or assessment where appropriate;
- ISO 14644-6 has been removed from the opening text of [Clause 3](#) and, as a result, [Clause 2](#);
- entry 3.8 removed from [Clause 3](#);
- ISO 4287 and ISO 4288 replaced by ISO 21920-2 and ISO 21920-3, respectively;
- ISO 16232-2, ISO 16232-3, ISO 16232-4 and ISO 16232-5 replaced by ISO 16232;
- minor editorial changes.

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Introduction

Cleanrooms and associated controlled environments provide for the control of contamination to levels appropriate for accomplishing contamination-sensitive activities. Products and processes that benefit from the control of contamination include those in such industries as aerospace, microelectronics, optics, nuclear and life sciences (pharmaceuticals, medical devices, food, healthcare).

ISO 14644-1 to ISO 14644-8, ISO 14698-1 and ISO 14698-2 deal exclusively with airborne particle and chemical contamination. Many factors, besides the assessment of surface cleanliness, should be considered in the design, specification, operation and control of cleanrooms and other controlled environments. These factors are covered in some detail in other parts of ISO 14644 and ISO 14698.

This document provides an analytical process for the determination and designation of surface cleanliness levels based on particle concentration. This document also lists some methods of testing, as well as procedure(s) for determining the concentration of particles on surfaces.

Where regulatory agencies impose supplementary guidelines or restrictions, appropriate adaptations of the testing procedures might be required.

NOTE When assessment of surface cleanliness by particle concentration (SCP) at critical control point(s) is used as an additional cleanliness attribute to classification of air cleanliness by airborne particle concentration in accordance with ISO 14644-1, then the space can be described as a cleanroom or clean-zone. If SCP is used alone, then the space is described as a controlled zone.

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Part 9:

Assessment of surface cleanliness for particle concentration

1 Scope

This document establishes a procedure for the assessment of particle cleanliness levels on solid surfaces in cleanrooms and associated controlled environment applications. Recommendations on testing and measuring methods, as well as information about surface characteristics, are given in [Annexes A to D](#).

This document applies to all solid surfaces in cleanrooms and associated controlled environments, such as walls, ceilings, floors, working environments, tools, equipment and products. The procedure for the assessment of surface cleanliness by particle concentration (SCP) is limited to particles of between 0,05 μm and 500 μm .

The following issues are not considered in this document:

- requirements for the cleanliness and suitability of surfaces for specific processes;
- procedures for the cleaning of surfaces;
- material characteristics;
- references to interactive bonding forces or generation processes that are usually time-dependent and process-dependent;
- selection and use of statistical methods for assessment and testing;
- other characteristics of particles, such as electrostatic charge, ionic charges and microbiological state.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>