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- [Clause 4](#) for “Principle” and [Clause 5](#) for “Basic configuration” have been added;
- “size calibration” and “verification of size setting” have been combined as “size setting error” in the requirements ([Clause 6](#));
- “Test report” (3.10 in the previous edition) has been changed to [6.9](#) on “Reporting of test and calibration results”;
- information about uncertainties has been enriched and is now the subject of [Annex B](#).

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Introduction

Monitoring particle contamination levels is required in various fields, e.g. in the electronic industry, in the pharmaceutical industry, in the manufacturing of precision machines and in medical operations. Particle counters are useful instruments for monitoring particle contamination in liquid. The purpose of this document is to provide a calibration procedure and verification method for particle counters, so as to minimize the inaccuracy in the measurement result by a counter, as well as the differences in the results measured by different instruments.