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- where appropriate, terms and definitions have been harmonized with ISO 18158:2016;
- obsolete terms have been removed;
- references have been updated.

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Introduction

The work programme of ISO/TC 146, Air quality, includes the standardization of procedures for sampling and measurement of gases, vapours and airborne particles. Many terms that are commonly used in relation to air quality, sampling and measurement are defined within individual standards or technical documents and are often defined differently from one standard or document to the next. This creates ambiguities and inconsistencies in the use of such terms. This document was developed to ensure that commonly used terms have agreed-upon definitions and to eliminate ambiguities and inconsistencies in their usage. It will be of benefit to agencies concerned with air quality, sampling, and laboratory analysis.

The terms given in this document are those in common use. The list should not be considered complete, however, and further terms will be added as the need arises.