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Foreword²

The purpose of this Glossary is to provide a single resource containing all of the technical terms used in all NSF Food Equipment Standards. With all NSF Food Equipment definitions located in one document, and not in the individual Food Equipment Standards, greater consistency will be achieved, as changes to a given definition will affect all other Food Equipment Standards simultaneously once adopted in the Glossary. In addition, the Glossary of Food Equipment Terminology may serve as a reference tool within the industry.

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1 General

1.1 Purpose

This Standard establishes definitions for food equipment, devices, and related components.

1.2 Scope

Definitions covered by this Standard consist of terminology related to food equipment, including terms describing equipment, materials, design, construction, and performance testing. This Standard includes common definitions of terms used throughout NSF Food Equipment and Sanitation Standards.

1.3 Measurement

Decimal and SI conversions provided parenthetically shall be considered equivalent. Metric conversions have been made according to IEEE/ASTM SI 10.

2 Normative references

The following documents contain provisions that, through reference, constitute provisions of this Standard. At the time this Standard was balloted, the editions listed below were valid. All documents are subject to revision, and parties are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the recent editions of the documents indicated below.

ANSI/NEMA LD 3 –2005 High-Pressure Decorative Laminates³

FDA, Food Code 2009⁴

21 C.F.R. Part 131, Milk and Cream (Food and Drug)⁵

IEEE/ASTM SI 10 – 2010 American National Standard for Metric Practice⁶

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³ National Electrical Manufacturers Association, 1300 N. 17th Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209 <www.nema.org>.

⁴ U. S. Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161 <www.ntis.gov>.

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