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Foreword\textsuperscript{2}

The purpose of this Standard is to establish minimum food protection and sanitation requirements for the materials, design, fabrication, construction, and performance of food handling and processing equipment.

This edition of the Standard contains the following revisions:

**Issue 26**

This revision updated language regarding dinnerware, due to the withdrawal of Standard 36.

**Issue 27**

This revision updated language regarding the permissible use of sealants in 4.7.

**Issue 28**

This revision updated language to add clarity to 5.2.1.3.

**Issue 29**

This revision added new language regarding the permissible backflow prevention option in 5.56.4.1.

This Standard was developed by the NSF Joint Committee on Food Equipment using the consensus process described by the American National Standards Institute.

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NSF/ANSI Standard for Food Equipment –

Food equipment

1 General

1.1 Purpose

This Standard establishes minimum food protection and sanitation requirements for the materials, design, fabrication, construction, and performance of food handling and processing equipment.

1.2 Scope

Equipment covered by this Standard includes, but is not limited to, bakery, cafeteria, kitchen, and pantry units and other food handling and processing equipment such as tables and components, counters, dinnerware, hoods, shelves, and sinks.

Section 7 of this Standard pertains to food handling and processing equipment that has been designed and manufactured for special use purposes. Food equipment designed and manufactured with a security package is utilized in environments such as correctional facilities, mental health facilities, or some schools. For these environments, where both sanitation and security are concerns, 7 contains exceptions to this Standard that shall only be applicable to the splash and nonfood zones of food equipment provided with a security package.

Equipment components and materials covered under other NSF or NSF/ANSI Standards or Criteria shall also comply with the requirements therein. This Standard is not intended to restrict new unit design, provided that such design meets the minimum specifications described herein.

1.3 Alternate materials, design, and construction

While specific materials, design, and construction may be stipulated in this Standard, equipment that incorporates alternate materials, design, or construction may be acceptable when such equipment meets the intent of the applicable requirements herein.

1.4 Measurement

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