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- a) document title changed;
- b) Scope rewritten and given more detailed;
- c) Terms and definitions already referred to in EN 1540 or EN 13098 deleted;
- d) Annex B revised by replacing the former content by general requirements on test facilities and an overview on different types and examples of test facilities;
- e) new Annex C on microbial model organisms used for bioaerosol studies added;
- f) new Annex D giving application guidance added;
- g) Bibliography updated;
- h) whole document restructured, editorially and technically revised.

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## Introduction

This document is needed to promote the development of new equipment for measurement of microorganisms in the work environment. This document can also apply to existing equipment. It is intended to specify requirements and methods to determine performance characteristics of volumetric bioaerosol samplers used to collect bioaerosols from the workplace atmosphere. Examples of test facilities and microbial model organisms usually used for laboratory measurements of the biological preservation efficiency of volumetric bioaerosol samplers are provided.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies general requirements for the evaluation of volumetric bioaerosol samplers in order to assess workplace exposure and their physical and biological performance.

This document describes the procedures for the development of volumetric bioaerosol samplers as well as their properties and validation.

This document provides a description of a test facility and selection criteria for microbial strains that can be used to assess their biological performance.

This document addresses requirements to manufacturers and developers of volumetric bioaerosol samplers as well as to test facilities with the equipment and skills to carry out the performance measurements of these samplers (see Annex D for application guidance).

This document is not intended for operators who use volumetric bioaerosol samplers to carry out exposure measurements for workers at occupational settings.

This document is not applicable for clean room measurements other than for occupational safety.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 1540, *Workplace exposure - Terminology*

EN 13098:2019, *Workplace exposure - Measurement of airborne microorganisms and microbial compounds - General requirements*

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EN 60079-11, *Explosive atmospheres - Part 11: Equipment protection by intrinsic safety "i"*

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EN 60079-25, *Explosive atmospheres - Part 25: Intrinsically safe electrical systems*

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