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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Australia/New Zealand Standards Committee on Controlled Environment to supersede AS 2639—1983, *Cytotoxic drug safety cabinets—Installation and use*. It satisfies the need for a guide to the installation and use of the cytotoxic drug safety cabinets specified in AS 2567, *Laminar flow cytotoxic drug safety cabinets*.

The Standard recognises four stages of physical containment provided by the following barriers:

- (a) Primary barriers provide immediate containment at the source. In this Standard, the cytotoxic drug safety cabinet is the primary barrier.
- (b) Secondary barriers provide containment in the event of failure of the primary barrier or a spill outside the primary barrier. An example of a secondary barrier is the room (and its support facilities) within which the primary barrier is located.
- (c) Tertiary barriers are buildings in which the secondary barriers are housed.
- (d) Quaternary barriers are the geographical sites for buildings constituting the tertiary barriers. An example of a quaternary barrier is an island.

Further advice and recommendations about practices relating to laminar flow cytotoxic drug safety cabinets may be found in the Therapeutic Goods Administration's Bulletin No. 3. To obtain copies of this bulletin contact the Therapeutic Goods Administration, PO Box 100, Woden, ACT.

This edition is essentially an update reflecting current technology and policies with editorial amendments to refer to other current Standards and authorities.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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