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Foreword

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Introduction

Good biotechnology laboratory practice covers all aspects of the organization of biotechnology work and the conditions under which it is planned, executed, validated and supervised as well as aspects relating to education and training of personnel.

It is recognized that good biotechnology laboratory practice requires suitable education and training of personnel and the standard is written on the basis that staff have received appropriate training. Staff should have access to relevant sources of information, including the results of biological risk assessment which determines the safe working procedures and practices in a given situation. A non-exclusive sample of relevant literature is given in annex B. There are many other texts relevant to specific items of biotechnology laboratory operations which are not quoted.

1 Scope

This European Standard gives guidance for practice for biotechnology operations in research, development and analysis laboratories of containment levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 (see EN 12128 and EN 12738).

This European Standard aims at the protection of workers from biological hazards as well as the environment including plants and animals.

2 Normative references

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EN 12128	Biotechnology - Laboratories for research, development and analysis - Containment levels of microbiology laboratories, areas of risk, localities and physical safety requirements
EN 12347	Biotechnology - Performance criteria for steam sterilizers and autoclaves
prEN 12469	Biotechnology - Performance criteria for microbiological safety cabinets
EN 12738	Biotechnology - Laboratories for research, development and analysis - Guidance for containment of animals inoculated with microorganisms in experiments
EN 12740	Biotechnology - Laboratories for research, development and analysis - Guidance for handling, inactivating and testing of waste
CR 12739	Biotechnology - Laboratories for research, development and analysis - Report on the selection of equipment needed for biotechnology laboratories according to the degree of hazard
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