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## Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 233 "Biotechnology", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by September 2001, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 2001.

This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association.

This standard is one of a series of European Standards concerned with performance criteria for vessels. These standards are:

EN 13311-1, *Biotechnology - Performance criteria for vessels - Part 1: General performance criteria.*

EN 13311-2, *Biotechnology - Performance criteria for vessels - Part 2: Pressure protection devices.*

EN 13311-3, *Biotechnology - Performance criteria for vessels - Part 3: Glass pressure vessels.*

EN 13311-4, *Biotechnology - Performance criteria for vessels - Part 4: Bioreactors.*

EN 13311-5, *Biotechnology - Performance criteria for vessels - Part 5: Kill tanks.*

EN 13311-6, *Biotechnology - Performance criteria for vessels - Part 6: Chromatography columns.*

Annexes A and B are informative.

This standard includes a bibliography.

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## **Introduction**

Use of this European Standard will aid the equipment manufacturer in the classification of bioreactors with regard to safe performance in biotechnological processes. The classification is easily understandable and readily utilizable for the user and the regulatory authorities.

## **1 Scope**

This European Standard specifies performance criteria for bioreactors used in biotechnological processes with respect to the potential hazards to the worker and the environment from microorganisms in use.

This European Standard applies where the intended use of bioreactors includes hazardous or potentially hazardous microorganisms used in biotechnological processes or where exposure of the worker or the environment to such microorganisms is restricted for reasons of safety.

## **2 Normative references**

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

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   - Part 1 : General performance criteria

## **3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this standard, the terms and definitions given in EN 13311-1:2001 apply.

## **4 Hazards**

Typical examples for potential hazards of bioreactors and recommendations for proper design and handling are included in annex B.

## **5 Performance classes**

The bioreactors shall be classified for leaktightness, cleanability and sterilizability in accordance with 5.1 to 5.4 of EN 13311-1:2001.

The selection of the appropriate class for performance of a bioreactor shall be made in accordance with 5.5 of EN 13311-1:2001.

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