

# **VALIDATION OF CLEAN ROOMS FOR ASEPTIC MANUFACTURING**

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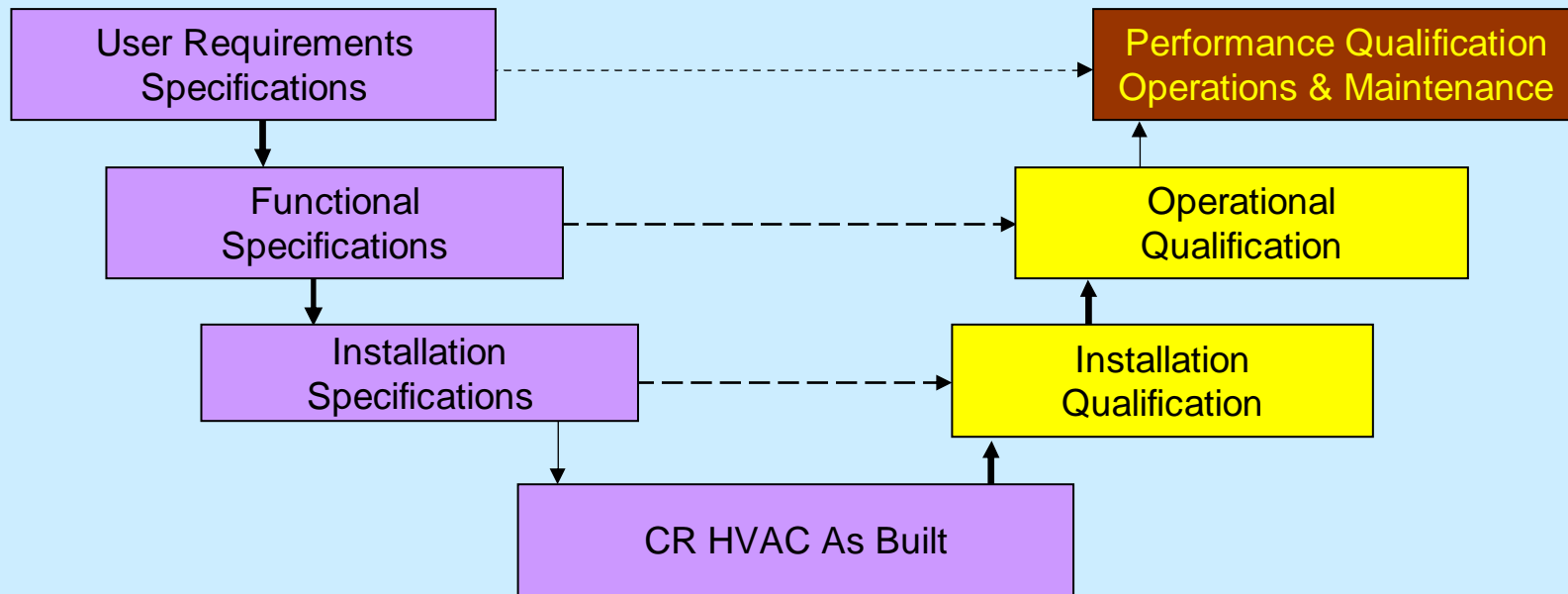
# VALIDATION OF CLEAN ROOMS

Proving that the environmental conditions of the clean rooms that have been defined in the HVAC ORDER from the USER PROCESS REQUIREMENTS are ALWAYS reached in the clean rooms Installations

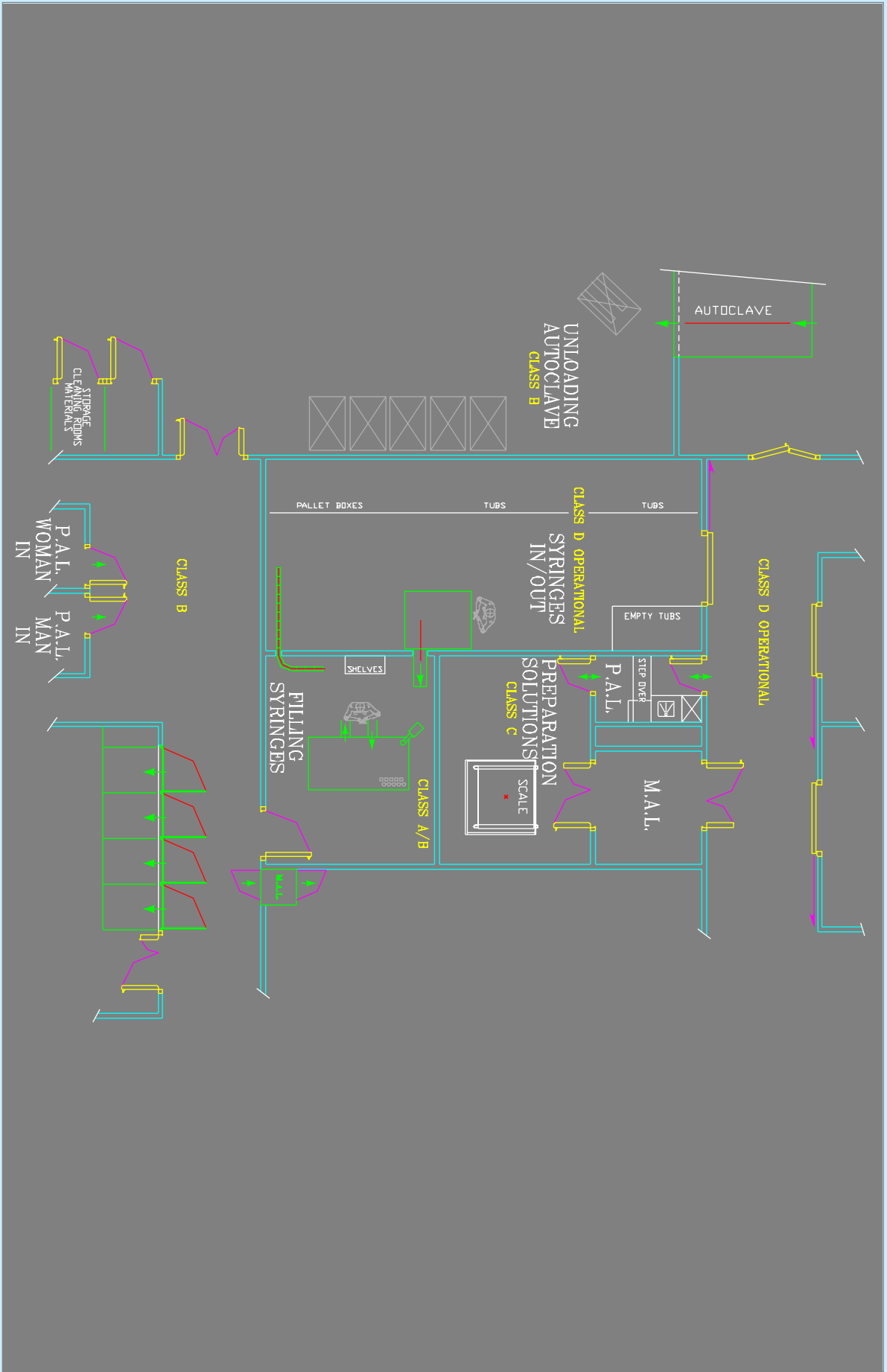
# USER/PROCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR CLEAN ROOMS

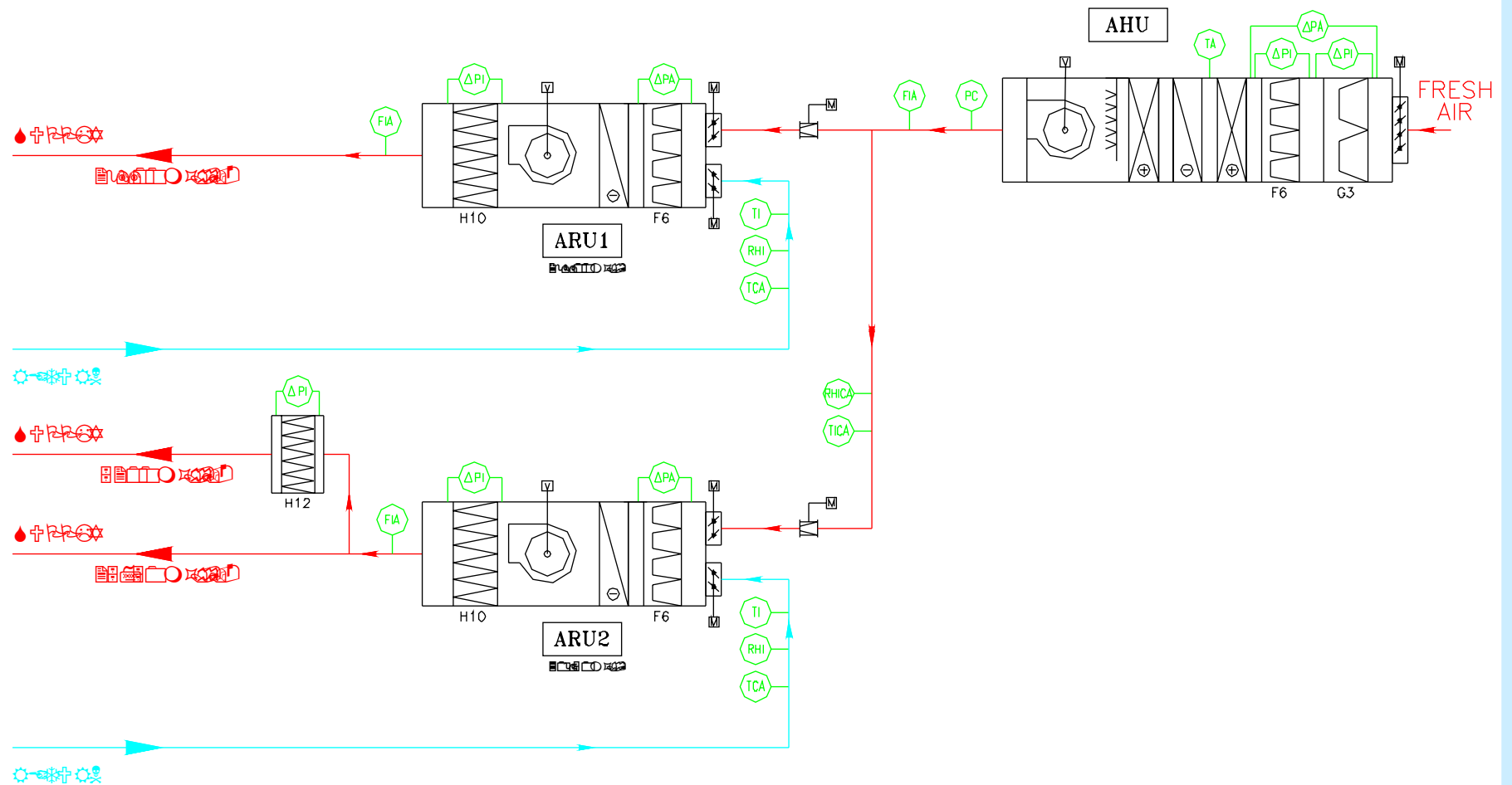
- **Layout and circulations (to avoid contamination and cross contamination)**
- **Environmental Conditions**
- **Automation**
- **Maintenance**
- **Cleaning**

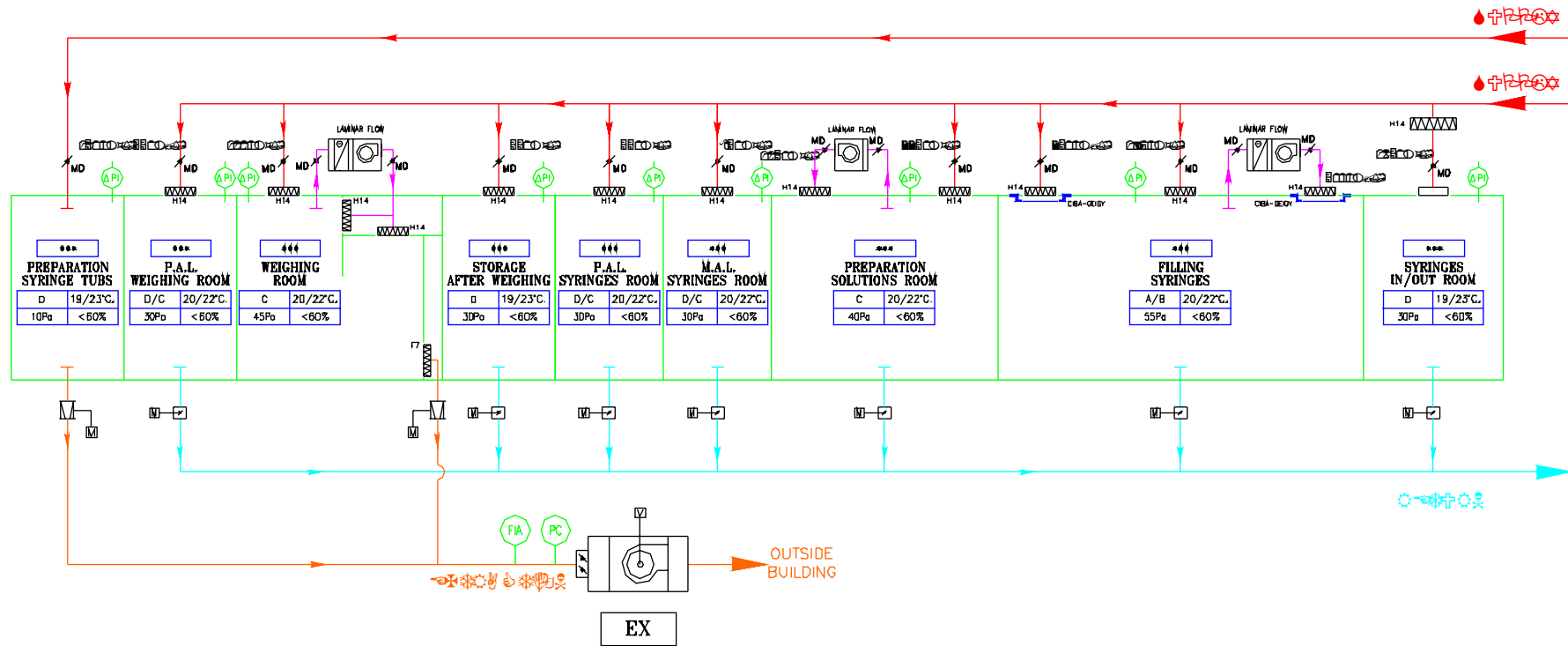
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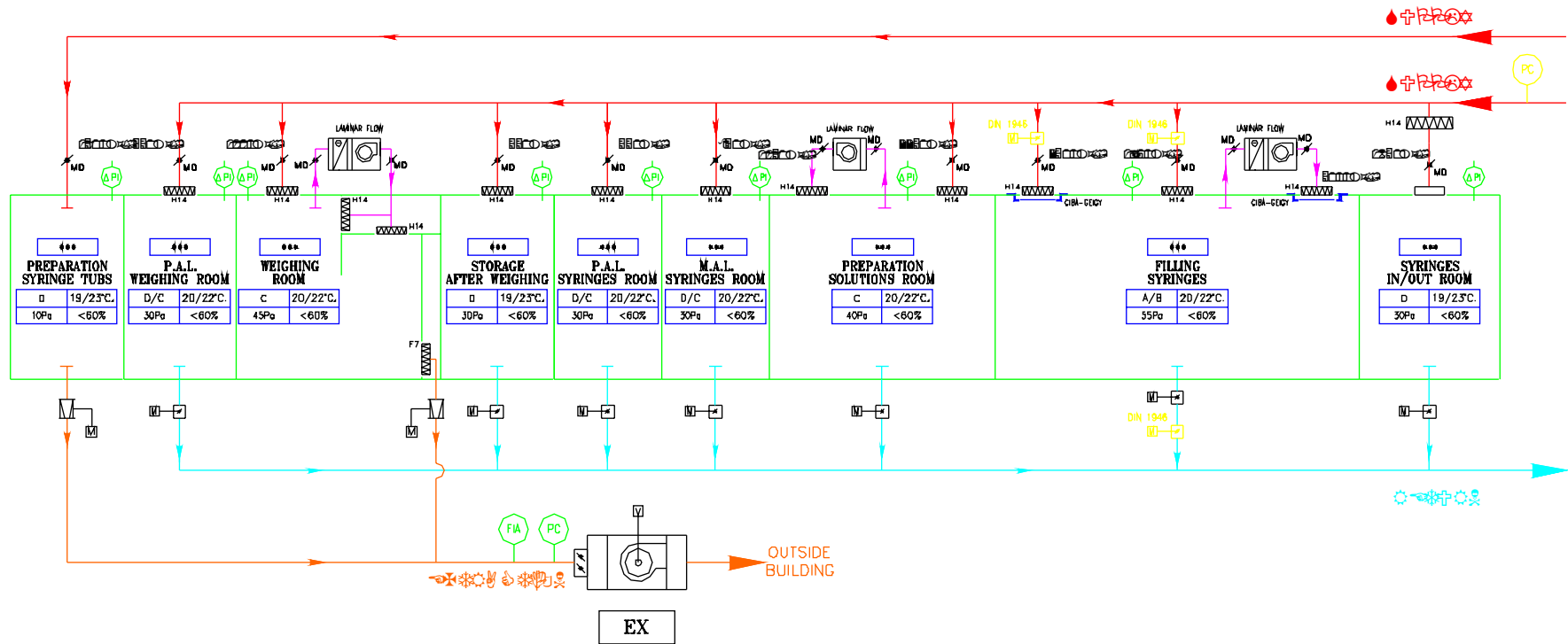
<b>URS HVAC</b>	<b>F.S</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Automated Fumigation</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Dedicated extractor</b></li><li>- <b>Stopping HVAC in room with Din 1946 Dampers</b></li><li>- <b>Time sequences for Heating plates</b></li><li>- <b>Restarting HVAC</b></li></ul>
<p><b>Maintenance of filling line without stopping the use of the other clean rooms</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Access door from class D</b></li><li>- <b>VAV Boxes</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Absence of contamination cross contamination</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Double HEPA filtration and recirculation</b></li><li>- <b>Air shower</b></li><li>- <b>PAL and MAL</b></li></ul>

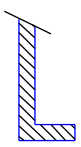




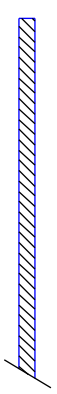




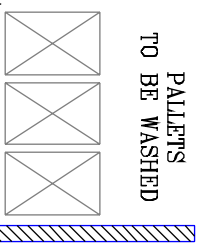




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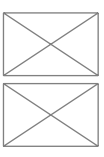
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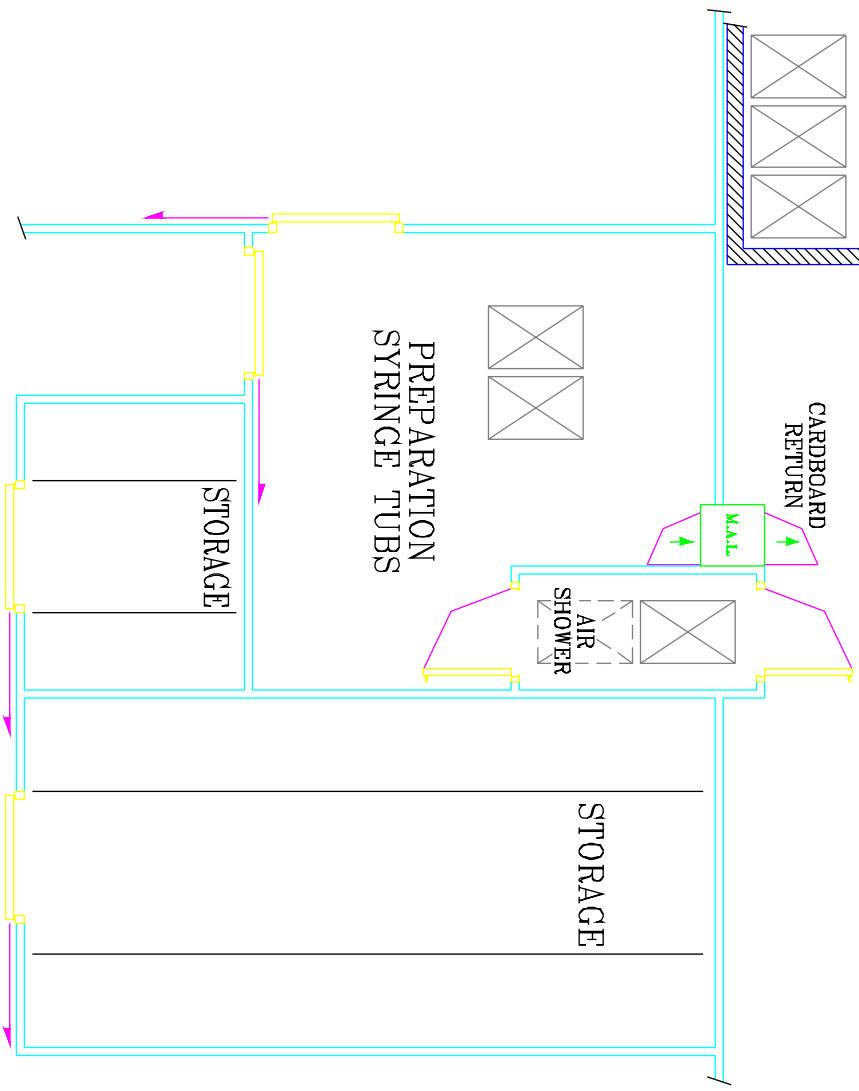
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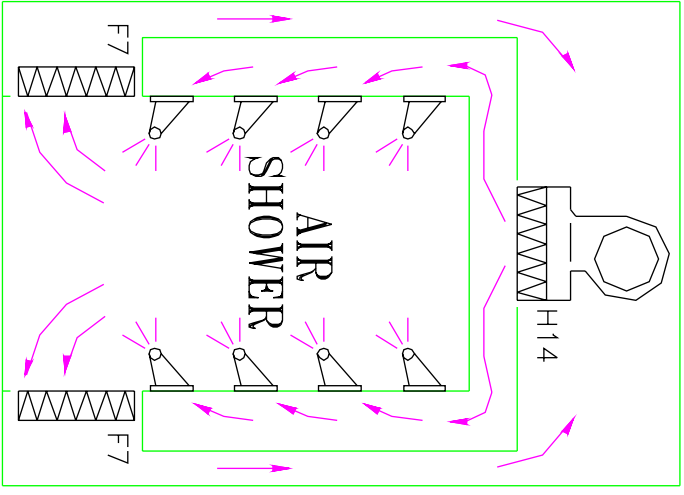


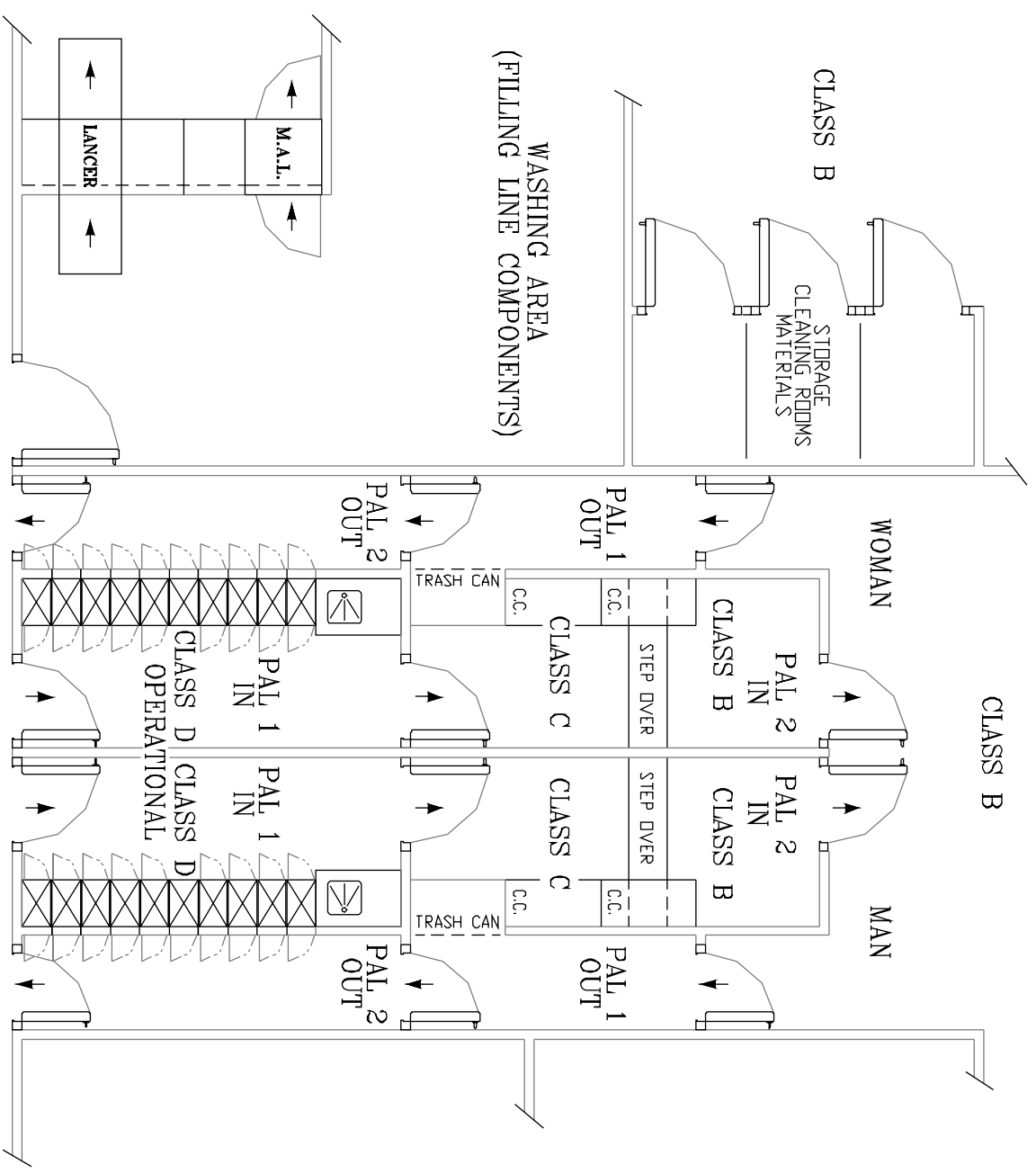
PREPARATION  
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STORAGE

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# DESIGN QUALIFICATION

<b>Checking</b>	<b>URS</b> → <b>F.S</b> → <b>D.S</b>
<b>Checking</b>	<b>cGMP compliance</b>
<b>Approving For Execution</b>	<b>Schemes of Principes, P &amp; ID</b>
	<b>Data sheets</b>

# APPROVAL BEFORE CONSTRUCTION

- **SCHEMES OF PRINCIPLES**
- **P & ID 'S**
- **Ceiling Plan (supplies and returns)**
- **Routing of Air ducts**

# F A T

- Air Handling Units
- Automation Acceptance tests
- Electrical Acceptance Tests

## S A T (IQ+ OQ)

- As built Documentation review
- IQ
- CAL + OQ



## STANDARD DOCUMENTATION LIST (SDL)

Section	Engineering file sections	Document in file
1	TABLE OF CONTENT	Sections and sub sections as mentioned here
2	BIDDING REQUIREMENTS	Bidding specifications Bidding drawings
3	ORDERING DOCUMENTS	Purchase orders List of supplier sub contractors
4	“FOR EXECUTION” APPROVED DOCUMENTS	Main components data sheets (Description/ specs) Design Calculation Control system Specifications
5	“FOR EXECUTION” APPROVED DRAWINGS	P&ID’s GAD’s Mechanical drawings Electrical drawings Connection drawings Control system drawings Other drawings
6	AS BUILT DRAWINGS	P&ID’s GAD’s Mechanical drawings Electrical drawings Connection drawings Control system drawings Other drawings
7	AS BUILT DOCUMENTS	General components list an data sheets Control system specs
8	INSTALLATION AND INSPECTION DOCUMENTS	Official control inspection reports AIB Vinçotte, Apave, TUV Installation Instructions Risk Analysis (European Directive)
9	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE DOCUMENTATION	Operation and maintenance manuals Consumables list Spare parts list Training Documentation
10	SET POINTS, FUNCTIONAL PARAMETERS	Set points, Alarm values, functional parameters Positions of dip switches, etc...

## STANDARD DOCUMENTATION LIST (SDL)

Section	Qualification file sections	Document in file
1	TABLE OF CONTENT	Quality Documentation File contents
2	PROJECT CHANGES	Change (control) documents and related documents
3	FACTORY ACCEPTANCE TESTS (FAT)	Supplier pre FAT test reports, FAT Protocols, Report, Raw Data, Punch list
4	INSTALLATION QUALIFICATION TESTS	Electro-mechanical IQ Protocol, Report, Raw data, Punch list
		Control system IQ Protocol, Report, Raw data, Punch list
		IQ certificate
5	CALIBRATION	Calibration certificates
		Calibration Protocols, Report, Raw data, Punch list
		Calibration certificate
6	SITE ACCEPTANCE TESTS (SAT) OPERATIONAL QUALIFICATION (OQ)	Electro-mechanical OQ Protocol, Report, Raw data, Punch list
		Control system OQ Protocol, Report, Raw data, Punch list
		OQ certificate
7	EXTENDED QUALITY DOCUMENTATION PIPING/WELDING DOCUMENTATION	Slopes verification
		Welding procedure and Qualification including Isometric drawings
		Welders Qualification
		Cleaning/passivation procedures and reports
		Pressure leak test reports
8	EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIER CERTIFICATES	Quality Plan, Quality Manual
		Supplier ISO certificates
		CE compliance
		Material certificates
		Pressure/safety valves certificates
		Other certificates

# INSTALLATION QUALIFICATION

ATTACHMENT #	TITLE
#01	Test form: Personnel performing IQ
#02	IQ Deviation Form
#03	IQ Information, Observation, Comment Form
#04	Test Form: Documentation Verification
#05	Test form: Piping & Instrumentation Diagram (P&ID) Verification
#06	Test Form: General Arrangement Verification
#07	Test form: Trolleys, Shelves and other ancillary systems verification
#08	Test form: Power, Electrical utilities verification
#09	Test form: Non-electrical utilities verification
#10	Test form: Critical Instrument List and Verification
#11	Test form: Filters and other Consumables list
#12	Test form: Spare part list
#13	Environmental and Safety review
#14	System associated SOP's list and Log-book verification
#15	Installation Qualification Completion and Approval

# OPERATIONAL QUALIFICATION TESTS

# AIR HANDLING UNITS (AHU'S) OPERATIONAL TESTS

- **Frequency Variator Setting**
- **Motor Speed**
- **Absorbed current Intensity**
- **DP AHU in –out**
- **Calculation of Air Flow**
- **Supply and Exhaust Fan Interlocks**

# OTHER OPERATIONAL TESTS

- **Heating and cooling Batteries**
- **Steam Humidifier**
- **CAV VAV Box**
- **Dampers**

# OPERATIONAL TESTS CONTINUED

- **Temperature and Humidity**
- **Noise levels**
- **Formulation tests**

# Operational Qualification

- Testing of Automation System
- Testing of HVAC Operation against Functional Specifications
- Filter Integrity tests
- Air speeds and air flow measurements
- Pressure differentials measurements
- Air flow patterns
- Decontamination time



# EN / ISO 14644 and IN SITU HEPA TESTING

- **14644-3 will allow EMERY 9004 / DURASIN 164, ONDINA EL and other oil aerosol**
- **$P \leq 0,01\%$**
- **Annex B6: particle counter method satisfies the FDA Aseptic processing guide 87 that requires an adequate challenge level be established for a valid test.**

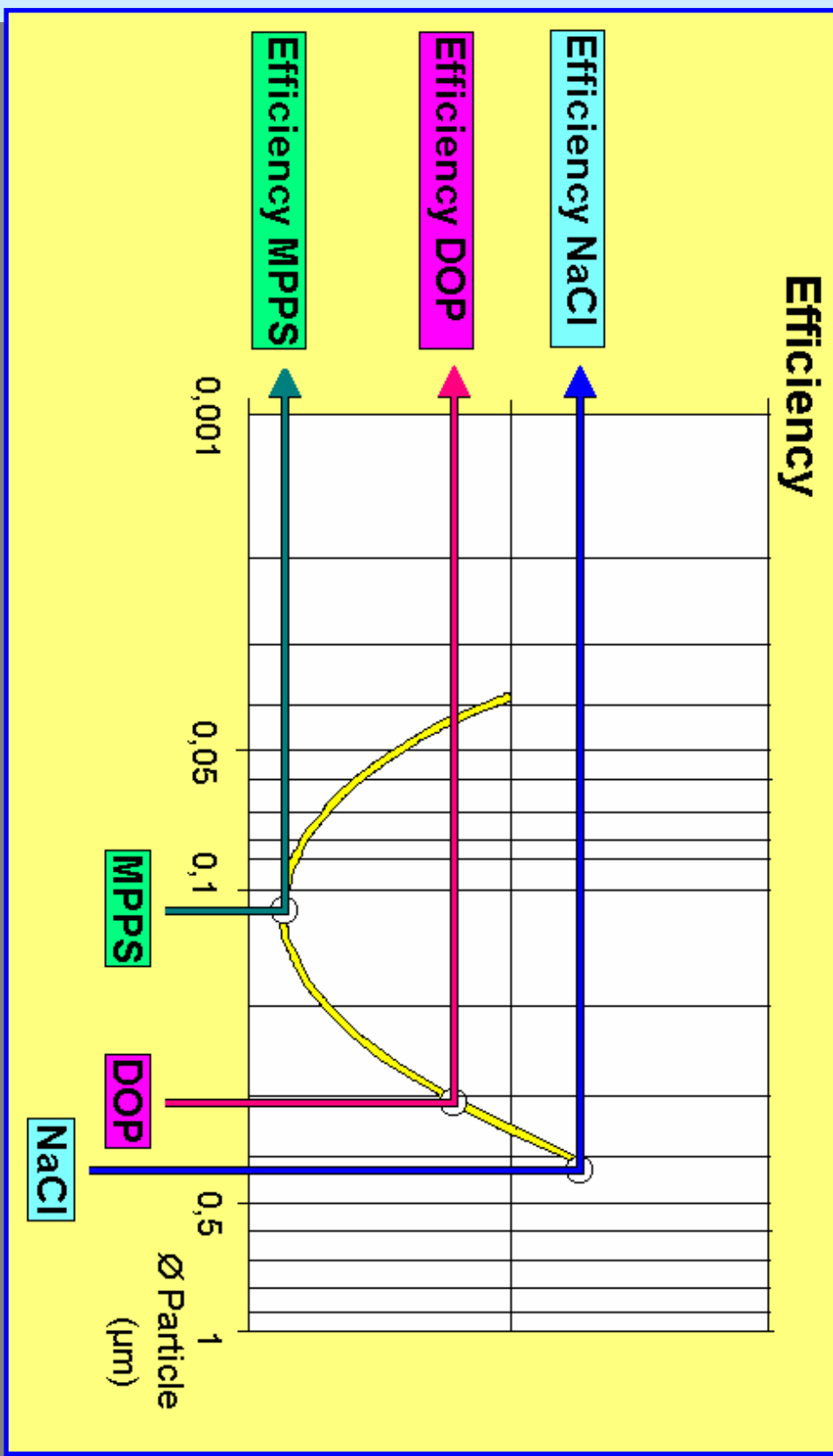
## THE EN 1822-1: 1998 Table 1: Classification of HEPA and ULPA Filters

Filter class		Overall value		Local value 1) 2)	
		Efficiency (%)	Penetration (%)	Efficiency (%)	Penetration (%)
<b>H E P A</b>	<b>H10</b>	85	15	---	---
	<b>H11</b>	95	5	---	---
	<b>H12</b>	99,5	0,5	---	---
	<b>H13</b>	99,95	0,05	99,75	0,25
	<b>H14</b>	99,995	0,005	99,975	0,025
<b>U L P A</b>	<b>U15</b>	99,999 5	0,000 5	99,997 5	0,002 5
	<b>U16</b>	99,999 95	0,000 05	99,999 75	0,000 25
	<b>U17</b>	99,999 995	0,000 005	99,999 9	0,000 1

1) see 6.5.2 and prEN 1822-4

2) local values lower than those given in the table may be agreed between supplier and purchaser

# Attention to the efficiency !



# EN / ISO 14644 and AIR EXCHANGE RATES

- 14644 - 4 does not specify any requirement
- Pharma guides: minimum 20 air changes / h.

# AIR FLOW SPECIFICATIONS

**Per supply**      - 10 %, + 30% of specified Air Flow

**Per room**        - 5 %, + 25 % of specified Air Flow

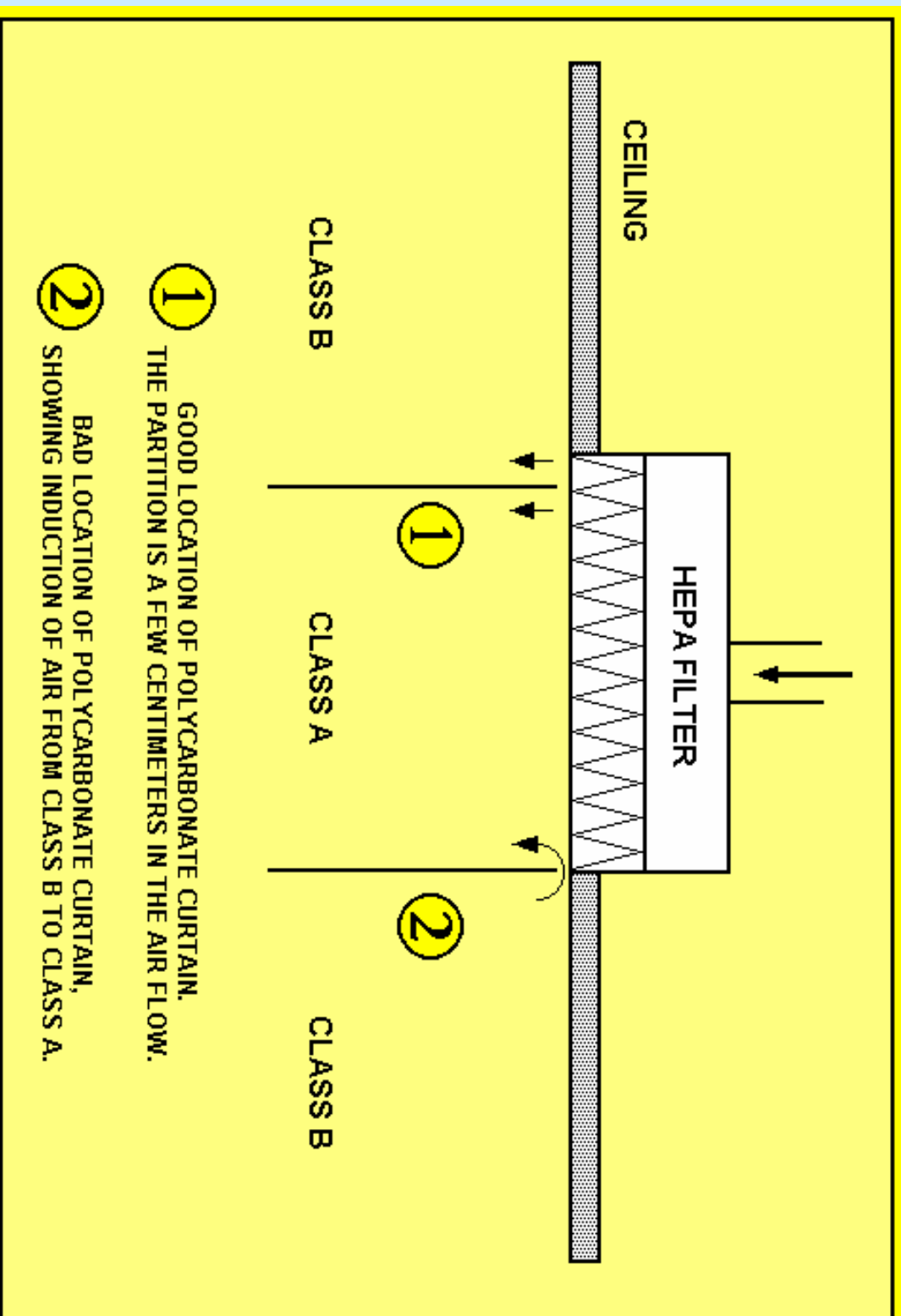
## EN / ISO 14644 and AIRFLOW VELOCITY

- **14644 - 4 suggests 0,2 - 0,7 m/s  
with efficiency demonstrated by performance  
testing.**
- **Pharmacy expectations:  $0,45 \pm 20\%$   
Not always applicable.**

## AIR SPEED MEASUREMENTS

<b>LAF HOOD</b>	<b>0.45 m/s <math>\pm</math> 20 % at working level</b>
<b>LAF with air curtains Or LAF over filling machine</b>	<b>measurement of speeds: -10 cm under filter - at working level (bottom of curtain)  No specs : For information ONLY</b>

FIG. 2: CURTAIN LOCATION IN HEPA FILTER ASSEMBLIES





# EN / ISO 14644 and ROOM PRESSURE

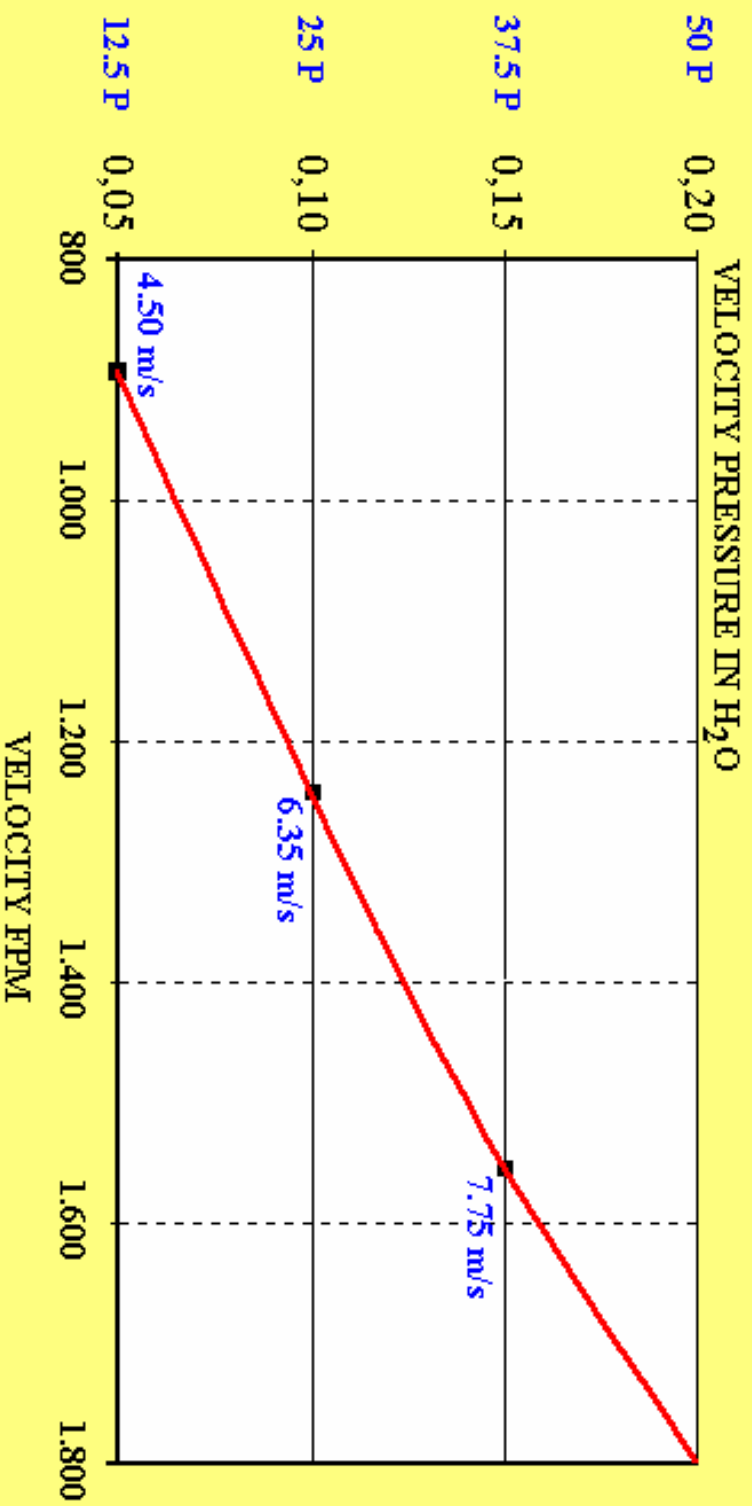
- 14644 - 4 suggests  $\Delta p$  5 - 20 Pa  
gives guidance on risks on very high pressure  
very low pressure
- It accepts  
low pressure differential + Flow through openings

# PRESSURE DIFFERENTIAL

**$D_p \geq 10 \text{ Pa}$  (15 Pa)**

**with  $\pm 5 \text{ Pa}$  tolerance around set point  
no overlap**

## AIR VELOCITY AND VELOCITY PRESSURE



10 P = 4 m/s
20 P = 5.7 m/s
25 P = 6.3 m/s
30 P = 6.9 m/s
40 P = 8 m/s
50 P = 9 m/s

$$P_{\text{dyn}} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\gamma}{g} \times v^2 \times 10 \text{ (Pascal)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1,2}{9,81} \times v^2 \times 10 \approx \frac{1}{16} \times v^2 \times 10$$

$$P_{\text{dyn}} = \frac{10}{16} \times v^2$$

$$v = 4 \sqrt{\frac{P}{10}}$$

$$\gamma = 1,2 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$v = \text{speed m/s}$$

# AIR FLOW PATTERNS

**Difficulties of performance linked to**

- **Smoke generation and initial velocity**
- **Talents of cameraman and film mounting**

# DECONTAMINATION TIMES MEASUREMENTS

## Decontamination Time Procedure

- - Place the probe of the particle counter at a place which is representative for the air flow pattern outside the flow of the HEPA filter (mostly near an extract duct or a place which is poorly ventilated) (particle counting in “Worst case conditions”).
- - Create an artificial contamination in the room using a Dräger smoke generator (along walls, near machine frames, under HEPA filtered air inlets) in order to obtain a contamination level:
  - $> 10'000$  particles  $0.5 \geq \mu\text{m}$  per  $\text{ft}^3$  (class B)
  - $> 100'000$  particles  $0.5 \geq \mu\text{m}$  per  $\text{ft}^3$  (class C)
  - $> 10^6$  particles (class D)
- - Start the particle counter : sampling time = 1 minute ; delay between the samples 1 sec., program the particle counter printer with limits  $\geq 0.5$  and  $\geq 5 \mu\text{m}$ . Check that the number of particles  $\geq 0.5 \mu\text{m}$  is greater than  $10'000/\text{ft}^3$  (or  $100'000$ , or  $10^6/\text{ft}^3$  as applicable).
- - Leave the room and allow to auto-decontaminate until steady conditions are obtained, this is when the contamination level is stable and the possible anomalies have been observed (see BH 77/2 for example where one or more ondulations in the particle counts are obtained).
- - The number of sampling points per area is calculated with the following principle :
  - 1 point per  $25 \text{ m}^2$  of floor surface with a minimum of 1 per room.
  - for areas of more than 3 m high : 1 point for each  $75 \text{ m}^3$ .

# Operational tests Conclusions

- **PUNCH LIST (List of Deviations)**

**Accepted without remarks**

**Accepted with remarks**

**Not accepted**

PL Nber	Description	Action By	Critical Y/N
	Retest	Verified By	Closing Date
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	Retest	Verified By	Closing Date



# PERFORMANCE QUALIFICATION

- PARTICULATE COUNTINGS
- CONTAMINATION CURVES

## NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF FED-STD-209

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

FED-STD-209NOTICE 1

November 29, 2001

FEDERAL STANDARD  
AIRBORNE PARTICULATE CLEANLINESS CLASSES  
IN CLEANROOMS AND CLEAN ZONES

Federal Standard 209E dated September 11, 1992 is hereby canceled and superseded by International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Standards. International Standards for Cleanrooms and associated controlled environments, ISO 14644-1 Part 1: Classification of air cleanliness; and ISO 14644-2 Part 2: Specifications for testing and monitoring to prove continued compliance with ISO 14644-1.

Application for copies of ISO Standards 14644-1 Part 1, and 14644-2 Part 2; may be addressed to the Institute of Environmental Sciences and

# THE EU GMP 5 $\mu$ Particle Number Problem

Nber of Particles	EC	EC	EC	EC	ISO	ISO	ISO
	A	B	C	D	5	7	8
$\geq 5\mu$	0	0	2,000	20,000	29	2,930	29,300

# PROCEDURE, PARTICLE COUNTS

- Determine the number of particle counting points with (locations) respect to the recommendations of the
  - *EN ISO 14644-1 : 1999 (E)*
  - *"The rules governing medicinal products in the European Community (Eudralex Volume IV, Annex 1, 1998)"*
  - *"FDA guideline on sterile drug products produced by aseptic processing", 1987*
  
- Make a drawing of the room and locate the measuring points (preferably at the most critical points).
- At each point, place the probe of the particle counter parallel to the flow (vertically or horizontally) with the opening towards the HEPA filter (isoaxial sampling).
  
- The particle counter is used following the recommendations of the manufacturer. Each time the counter probe is moved in the room, the "initial delay" must be programmed with a time appropriate for the cleaning of the tube. The time between two successive readings without transferring the probe is programmed at 1 sec. ("delay time").
  
- Sample the air at the height of the work activity (quite often between 0,8 to 1.2 m), unless impossible due to the presence of equipment.

# PROCEDURE, PARTICLE COUNTS

- Sample the air once at each location except if :
  - *There is only 1 sampling point in the room : sample the air thrice at the same location*
  - *The result of the 1<sup>st</sup> sampling is out of the specifications range.  
Then confirm or refute the reading by 3 successive readings*
  
- For class C and D at rest or operational, sample time is 1 min and sampling volume is 1 ft<sup>3</sup>
  
- For class A at rest or operational or B at rest the sampling time will be at least 5 min and could be more if the results are in between Pass and Failed values of the Table F.1 of the Annex F of the EN ISO 14644-1 : 1999, describing the sequential sampling procedure (see next page)
  
- The statistical calculations of classification are performed in accordance with the recommendations of the "EN ISO 14644-1" at the upper confidence level of 95 %.

# EN ISO 14644-1

## EN ISO 14644-1 : 1999 (E) Sequential sampling procedure

Table F.1 – upper and lower limits for time at which C observed counts should arrive

FAILS IF COUNT, C, COMES EARLIER THAN EXPECTED		PASSES IF COUNT, C, COMES LATER THAN EXPECTED	
<u>Fractional time, t</u>	<u>Observed Count</u>	<u>Fractional time, t</u>	<u>Observed Count</u>
0,001 9	4	0,192 2	0
0,050 5	5	0,240 7	1
0,099 2	6	0,289 3	2
0,147 6	7	0,337 8	3
0,196 1	8	0,386 4	4
0,244 7	9	0,434 9	5
0,293 2	10	0,483 4	6
0,341 7	11	0,532 0	7
0,390 2	12	0,580 5	8
0,438 8	13	0,629 1	9
0,487 3	14	0,667 6	10
0,535 9	15	0,726 2	11
0,584 4	16	0,774 7	12
0,633 0	17	0,823 3	13
0,681 5	18	0,871 8	14
0,730 0	19	0,920 3	15
0,778 6	20	0,968 9	16
1,000 0	21	1,000 0	17

NOTE Fractional times are given as the fraction of total times (t = 1,000 0 at the class limit)

Total times t = 1,000 0 at the class limit represents 24,3 minutes at the limit of class A,B (class A at rest or operational, class B at rest) for particles ≥ 5 microns



# ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

## Particle counting, classification of rooms

- Particle counts are within specifications at a upper confidence level of 95 % following the statistical calculation of the "EN ISO 14644-1: 1999 E".
- The specifications for the airborne particulate classification of cleanrooms, as defined in the Eudrax Volume IV, Annex 1, 1998

GRADE	At rest		In operation	
	Maximum permitted number of particles/m <sup>3</sup> equal to or above			
	0.5 μm	5 μm	0.5 μm	5 μm
A ISO Class 5	3.500 3.520	0 29	3.500 3.520	0 29
B ISO Class 5	3.500 3.520	0 29	350.000 352.000	2.000 2.930
ISO class 6	35.200	293	352.000	2.930
C ISO Class 7	350.000 352.000	2.000 2.930	3.500.000 3.520.000	20.000 29.300
D ISO Class 8	3.500.000 3.520.000	20.000 29.300	Not defined, depends on nature of operations	

- **Any change of hereabove acceptance criteria must be mutually agreed upon by ICCE and** (see Annex 1: Sheet for change of acceptance criteria).
- **Note the discrepancy between Eudrax and EN ISO 14644-1 : 1999 for class A, B particles  $\geq 5\mu$  where Eudrax admits 0/m<sup>3</sup> and EN ISO admits up to 29. 29 should be considered because of the electronic noise of the counter and other considerations.**



# TEST RESULTS : PARTICLE COUNTINGS ACCORDING EN ISO 14644-1 : 1999(E)

TEST RESULTS: PARTICLE COUNTINGS ACCORDING EN ISO 14644-1 : 1999 (E)

Particle countings class A,B (ISO 5) : A at rest or operational

B at rest only

Sampling time  $\geq 5$  min

Sampling Volume  $\geq 5$  ft<sup>3</sup>

Number of sampling point (SP)/room = 1 Sequential sampling

Room ID :

Class B at rest

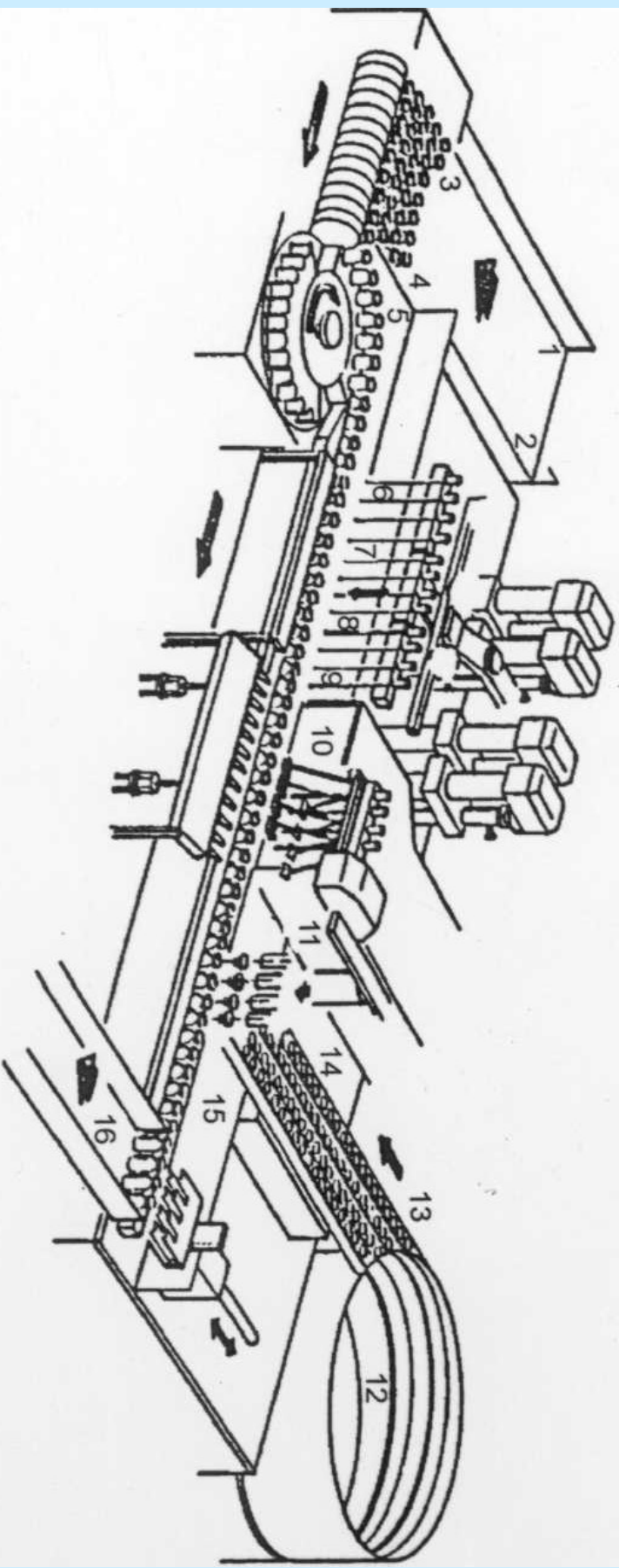
Particle counts $\geq 0.5 \mu/\text{ft}^3$				
Sampling Point ID	Particle counts/ft <sup>3</sup>			
	1	2	3	Avg 0.5
Part $\geq 0.5 \mu$				
Acceptance criteria				<100
In compliance Y/N				

Particle counts $\geq 5 \mu$			
Counting time : (minutes)	Particle counts (observed)	Acceptance criteria	Fails
5		0	$\geq 8$
6		$\leq 1$	$\geq 9$
7		$\leq 2$	$\geq 10$
* (1)	* (1)	(2)	(3)
In compliance with acceptance criteria of table F1 Y/N			

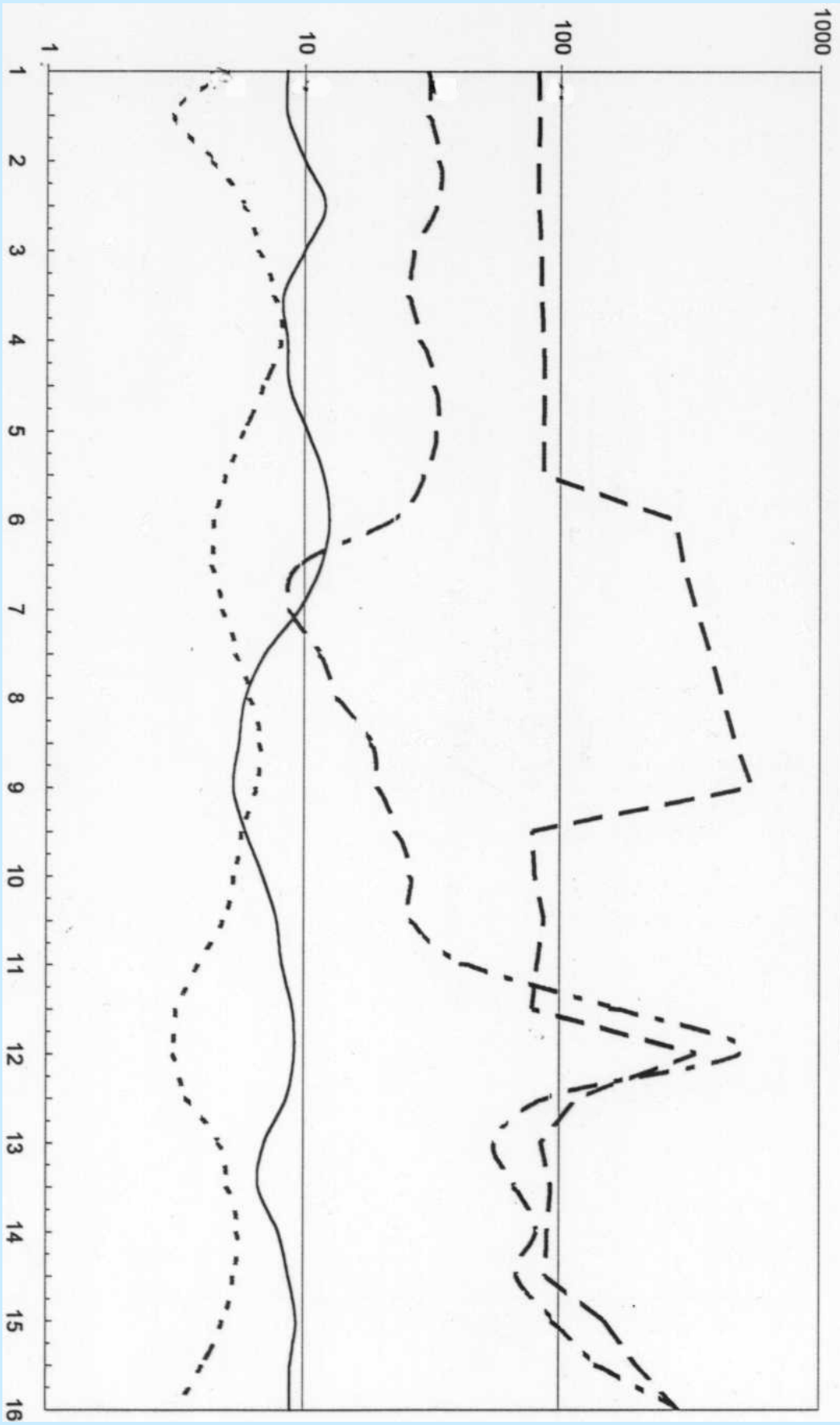
- (1) Enter first value which is in compliance with counts of table F1 or which fails
- (2) Enter relevant acceptance criteria (from table F)
- (3) Enter relevant fail value (from table F1)

**CONTAMINATION CURVE**  
Recommendations BH 77/1A

**COURBE DE CONTAMINATION**  
Recommandations BH 77/1A



Contamination curves - Courbes de contamination



## REFERENCES

- The Rules governing Medicinal Products in the European Community  
(Eudralex Volume IV Annex 1, 1998)
- EN ISO 14644-1-7 on Clean Room Standards
- ISPE Baseline Pharmaceutical Guide :  
Sterile Manufacturing Facilities
- ISPE Baseline Pharmaceutical Guide :  
Commissioning and Validation

# CONCLUSIONS

**All the validation steps are important  
(start well to finish well)**

**It is not possible to validate a poor Design**

**It is not possible to validate a poor Field Installation**