



# Advancements in Manufacturing - Isolator Technology



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# Overview

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- Introduction SKAN
- Drivers of advancements i.e. Annex 1;
- Contamination Control Strategy
- Solutions for toxic products

# SKAN - Market Leader Aseptic Isolators

- >50 years of experience
- Headquarter in Switzerland: Basel



## Core competence:

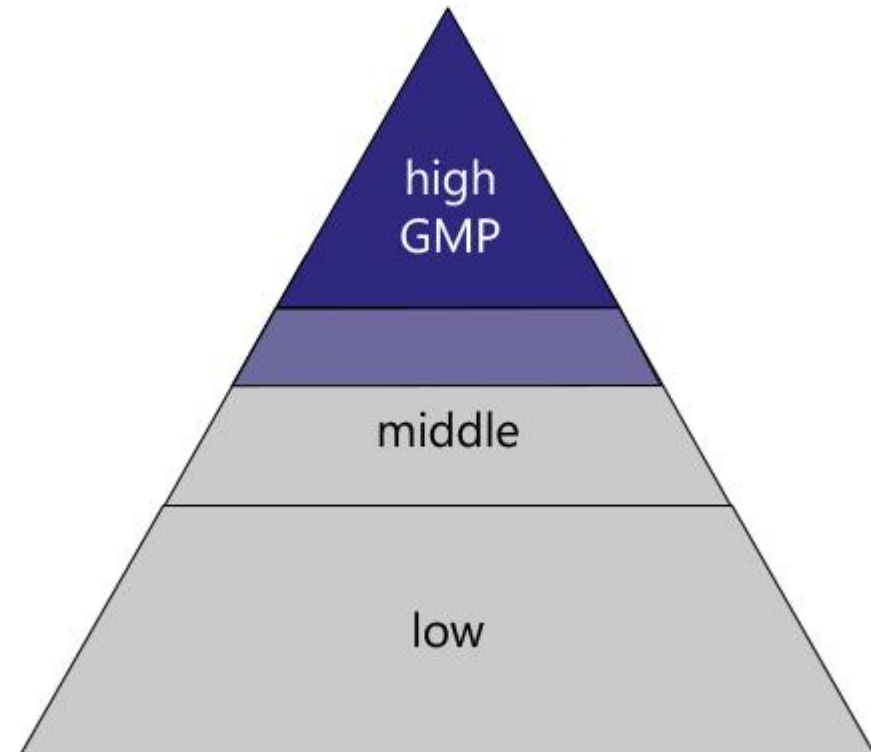
- Transition of user requirements into high quality equipment that meet **regulatory** requirements, can be **validated and maintained** throughout their life cycle
- Primary markets are **Pharma/Biotech and Healthcare**
- **Technology and market leader** in isolator technology worldwide

# Our Experience is your Benefit

## Your partner for pharmaceutical processes

- From design to validation
- Worldwide customer support

**Your Benefit:**  
**Process and validation guarantee**



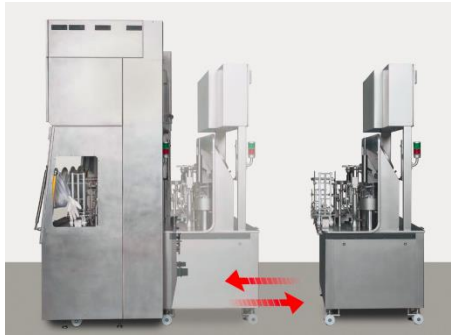
# SKAN Core Competences



Sterility testing isolators



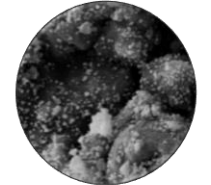
Transfer airlocks



VARIOSYS® Flexible small and medium scale filling solution



INTEGRA



NANOX® catalytic converter

H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> Decontamination



- SKANFOG®
- Flash evaporation



WGT glove testing



Isolators for production filling lines



SKAN E-Beam decontamination



Robotics, special application and oRABS



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# References Asia



# Regulatory Annex 1 Draft 2017 - 2020

## What are the major drivers for the new Annex 1?

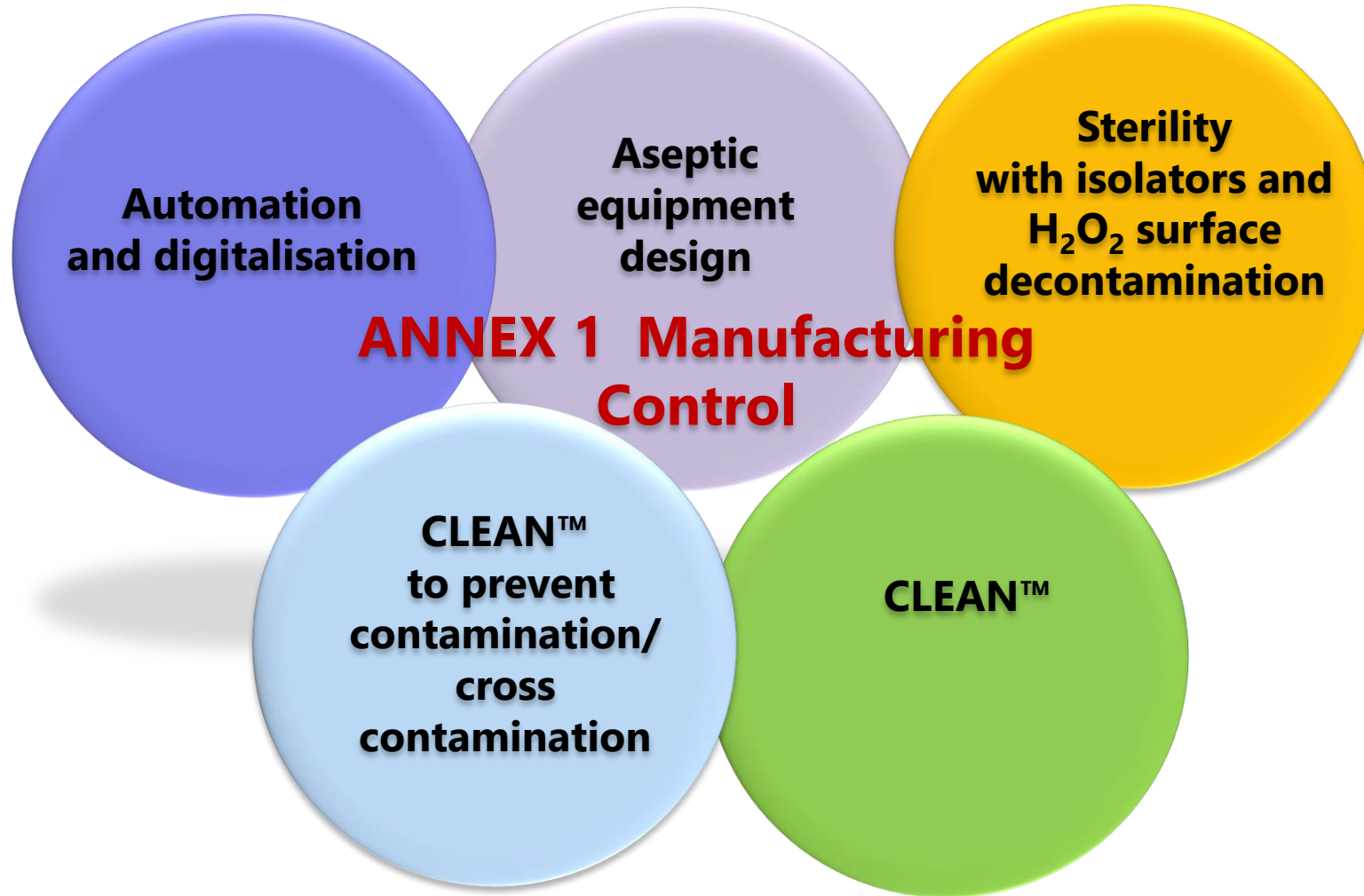
- Quality Risk Management QRM
- Contamination Control Strategy CCS

181 4.3 Restricted Access Barrier Systems (RABS) and isolators are beneficial in assuring the required  
182 conditions and minimizing the microbial contamination associated with direct human interventions  
183 in the critical zone. Their use should be considered in the CCS. Any alternative approaches to the use  
184 of RABS or isolators should be justified.  
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- Keep operators out of critical aseptic operations
- Barrier solutions the preferred technology



# Contamination Control Strategy - Elements



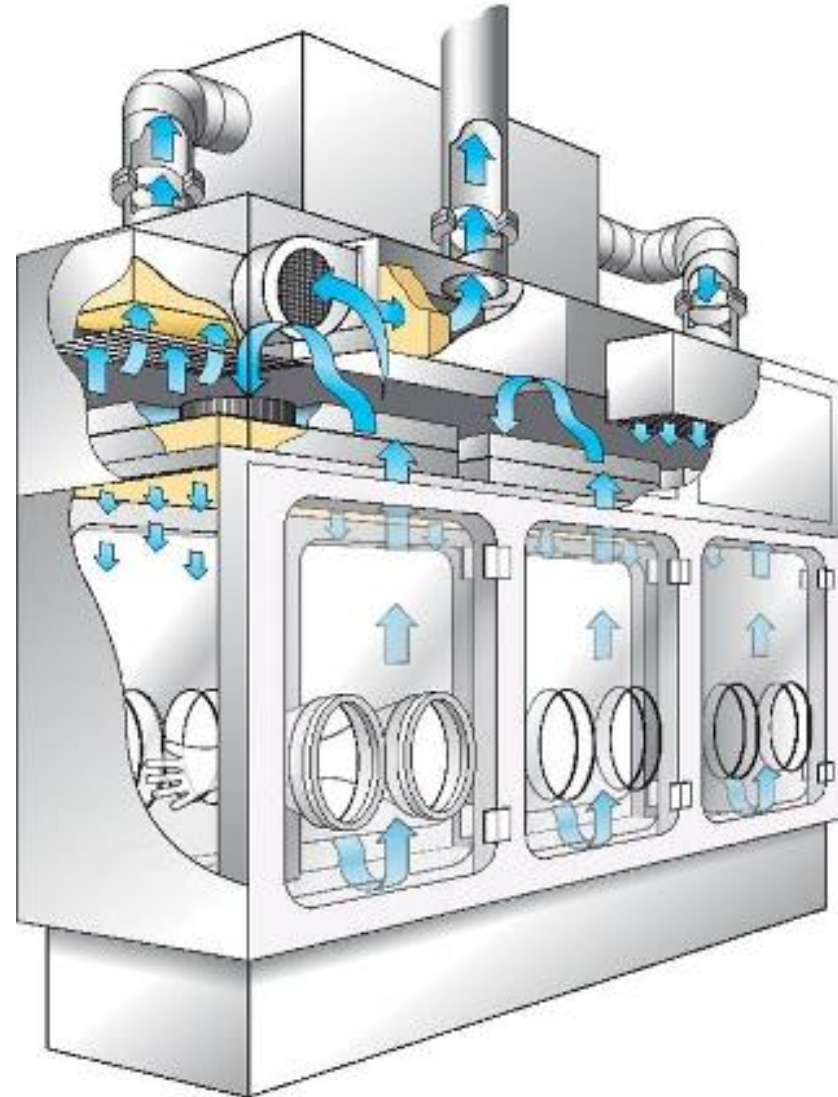


# Contamination Control Strategy - Isolators



- Operators have no direct access to critical areas
- Validated and accepted decontamination system with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>
- Reduced clean room requirements outside of the isolator (ISO 7/8 Class C/D)
- Less gowning of the operators
- Suitable for high potent products

# Isolator Air Handling System

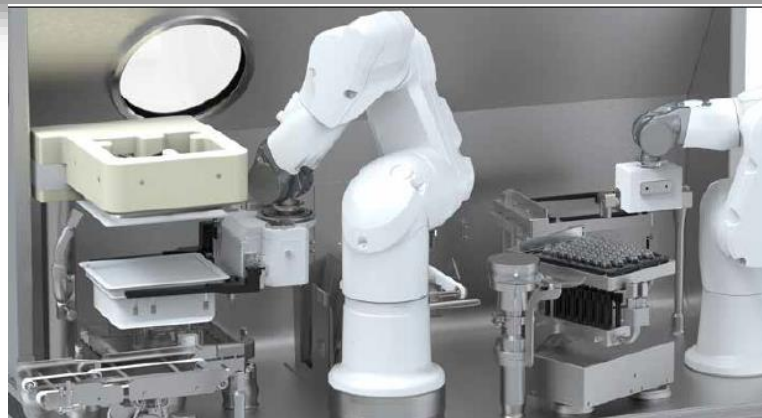


# Contamination Control Strategy - Automation

## 2 Principle

2.1 The manufacture of sterile products is subject to special requirements in order to minimize risks of microbial, particulate and pyrogen contamination. The following key areas should be considered:

- i. Facility, equipment and process design should be optimized, qualified and validated according to the relevant sections of the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) guide. The use of appropriate technologies (e.g. Restricted Access Barriers Systems (RABS), isolators, robotic systems, rapid microbial testing and monitoring systems) should be considered to increase the protection of the product from potential extraneous sources of particulate and microbial contamination such as personnel, materials and the surrounding environment, and assist in the rapid detection of potential contaminants in the environment and product.



**Automation  
and digitalisation**

# Contamination Control Strategy - Design

2467 First Air – Refers to filtered air that has not been interrupted by items (such as operators) with the  
2468 potential to add contamination to the air prior to reaching the critical zone.



Points to Consider for the Aseptic Processing of Sterile Pharmaceutical Products in Isolators



## TOPIC 1: ISOLATOR DESIGN .....4

- Q1-1: What should the pressure differential be between the isolator interior and the surrounding area? ....5
- Q1-2: What are the design considerations for isolator gloves? .....6
- Q1-3: How should the isolator be designed to minimize risk posed by interventions? .....7



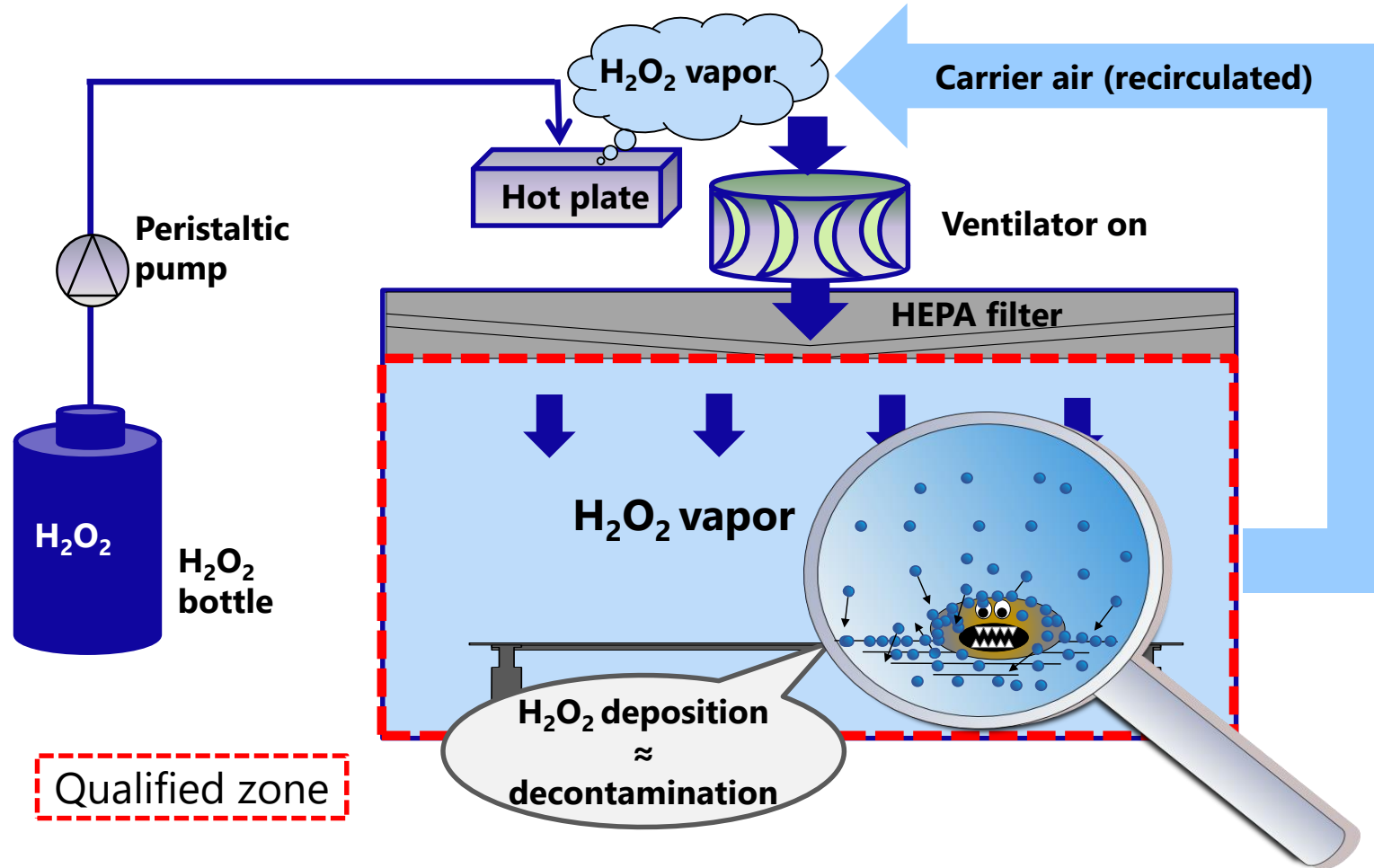
# Surface decontamination

365 4.24 For RABS and isolator systems, decontamination methods should be validated and controlled  
366 within defined cycle parameters. The cleaning process prior to the disinfection step is essential; any  
367 residues that remain may inhibit the effectiveness of the decontamination process:  
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369 i. For isolators, the decontamination process should be automated and should include a  
370 sporicidal agent in a suitable form (e.g. gaseous, aerosolized or vaporized form) to ensure  
371 thorough microbial decontamination of its interior. Decontamination methods (cleaning and  
372 sporicidal disinfection) should render the interior surfaces and critical zone of the isolator free  
373 of viable microorganisms.

**Sterility  
with isolators and  
H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> surface  
decontamination**

# Conventional flash vaporization – Surface decontamination

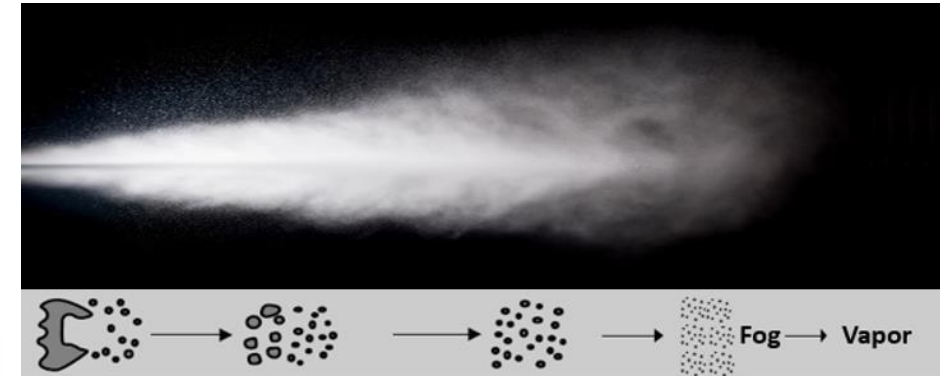
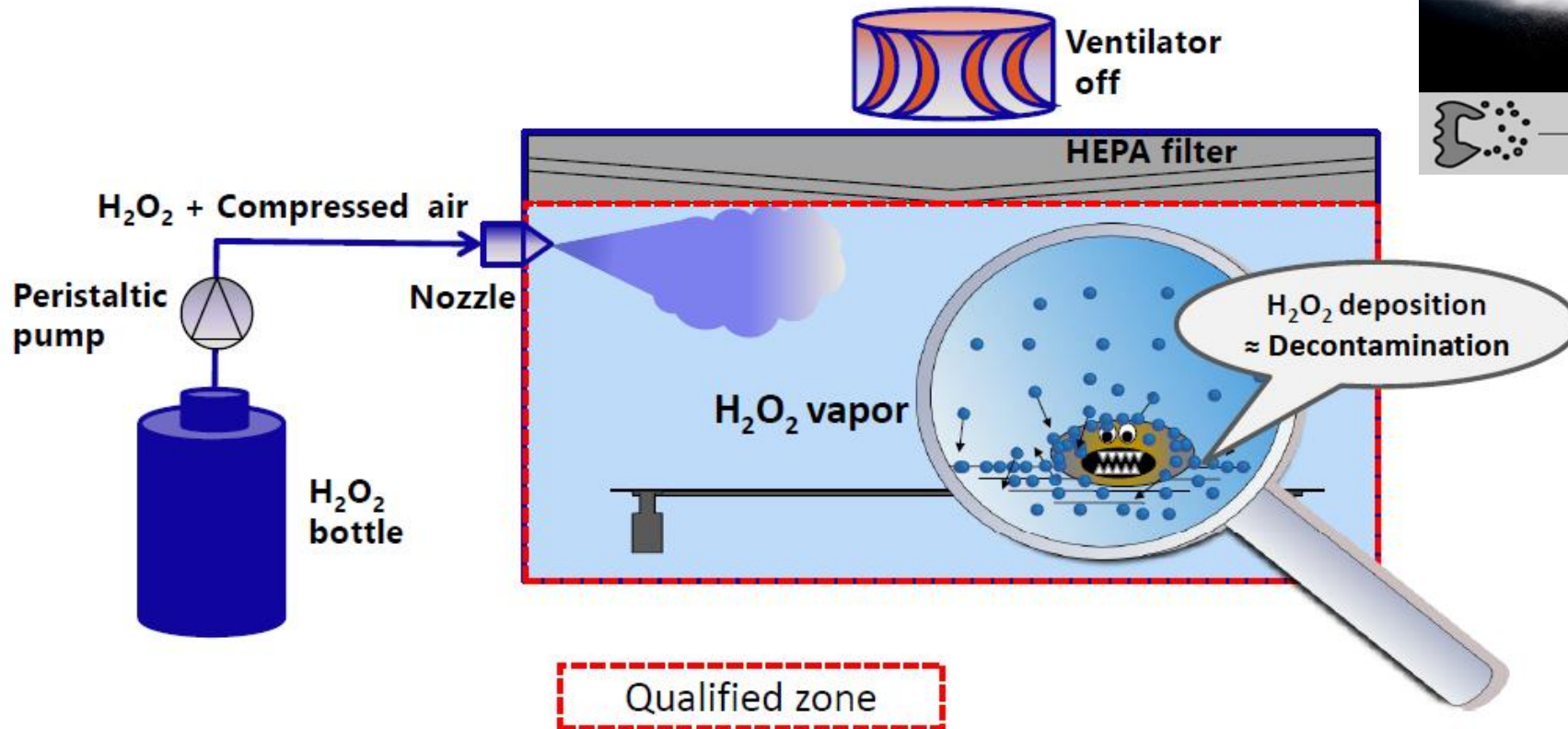
SKAN decontamination system with > 20 years of experience



# Indirect vaporization – Surface decontamination

## SKANFOG<sup>®</sup>: Re-invented fogging technology

Indirect vaporization through micro-nebulization



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# Surface decontamination – Comparison of systems

## SKANFOG<sup>®</sup> vs vaporized H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

- Latest development based on more than 20 years experience
  - SKANFOG<sup>®</sup> uses less H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> than flash vaporization
  - Aeration phase much faster
  - Both systems guarantee a safe 10<sup>6</sup> microbiological reduction
- SKANFOG<sup>®</sup> provides required **decontamination level**  
**in less time and with less H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>**



# Contamination Control Strategy - Clean™

- 565 5.4 The cleaning process should be validated to:
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- 567 i. Remove any residue or debris that would detrimentally impact the effectiveness of the
- 568 disinfecting agent used.
- 569 ii. Minimize chemical, microbial and particulate contamination of the product during the process
- 570 and prior to disinfection.
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- 572 5.5 Direct and indirect contact parts should be sterilized. Direct contact parts are those that the
- 573 product passes through, such as filling needles or pumps. Indirect product contact parts are
- 574 equipment parts that come into contact with sterilized critical items and components.



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## TOPIC 7: CLEANING, DISINFECTION, DECONTAMINATION: CYCLE DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION .....39

- Q7-1: What are the special considerations for cleaning and disinfecting isolator interiors (nonproduct contact surfaces) prior to decontamination? .....40
- Q7-2: What are the current options for isolator interior decontamination? .....43
- Q7-3: Should empty isolator mapping of temperature and humidity be performed as part of decontamination qualification studies? .....45
- Q7-4: What conditions and configurations should be considered during decontamination cycle development and validation? .....46

# Contamination Control Strategy – Glove Integrity Testing

## Isolator glove integrity testing

353 4.23 The materials used for glove systems (for both RABS and isolators), as well as other parts of an  
354 isolator, should be demonstrated to have good mechanical and chemical resistance. Integrity testing of  
355 the barrier systems, and leak testing of the glove system and the isolator should be performed using a  
356 methodology demonstrated to be suitable for the task and criticality. The testing should be performed  
357 at defined periods, at a minimum at the beginning and end of each batch, and should include a visual  
358 inspection following any intervention that may affect the integrity of the system. For single unit batch  
359 sizes, integrity may be verified based on other criteria, such as the beginning and end of each  
360 manufacturing session. RABS gloves used in Grade A zone should be sterilized before installation  
361 and sterilized (or effectively decontaminated by a validated method which achieves the same  
362 objective) prior to each manufacturing campaign. The frequency of glove replacement should be  
363 defined within the CCS.



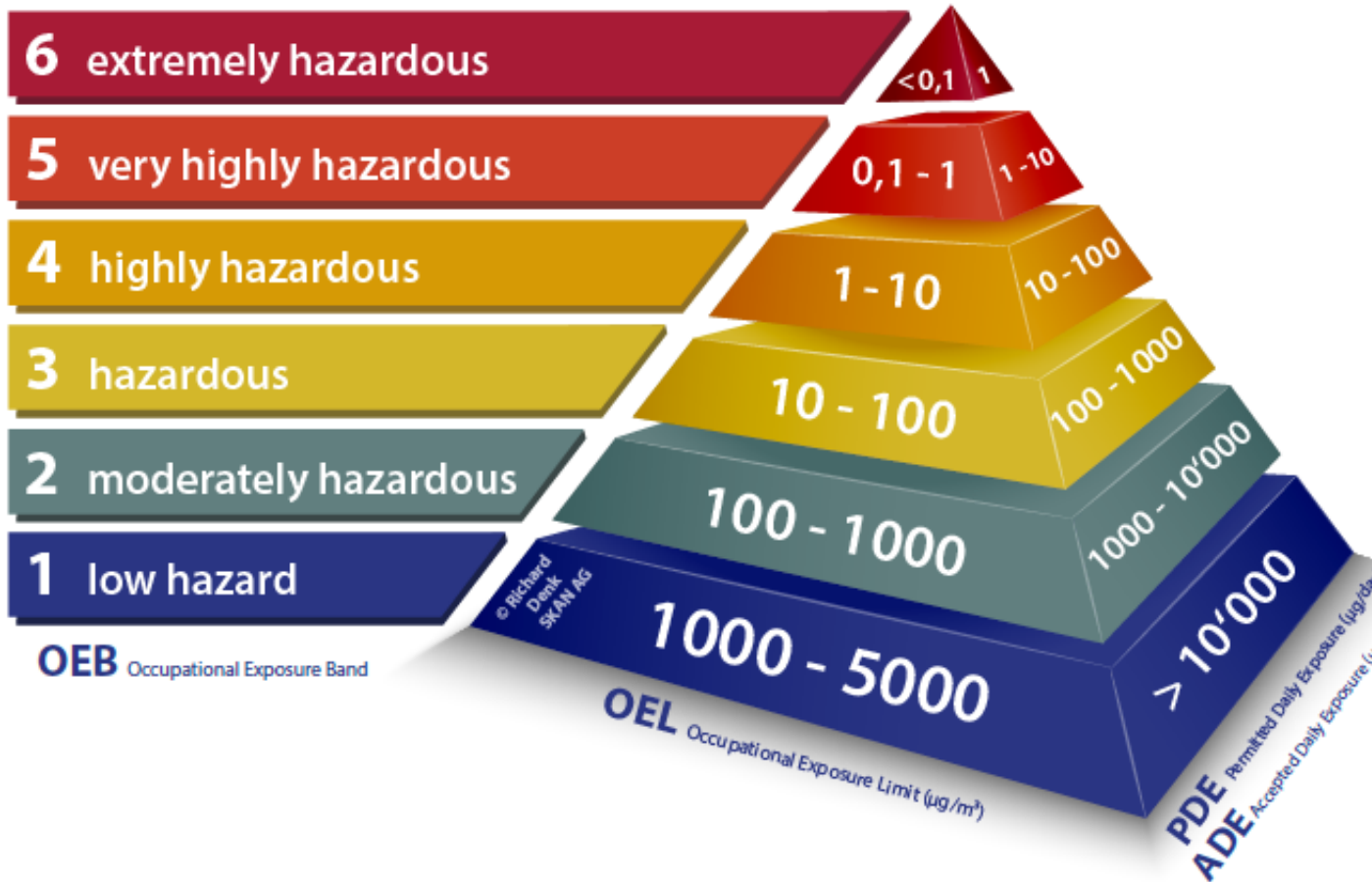
### SKAN Version 2 coming up soon:

- Enhanced DI function
- Even more hygienic design
- Latest battery management

# Solutions for Toxic Products



## Containment Classification



# Developments in Isolator Technology for Toxic Application



2000 - today



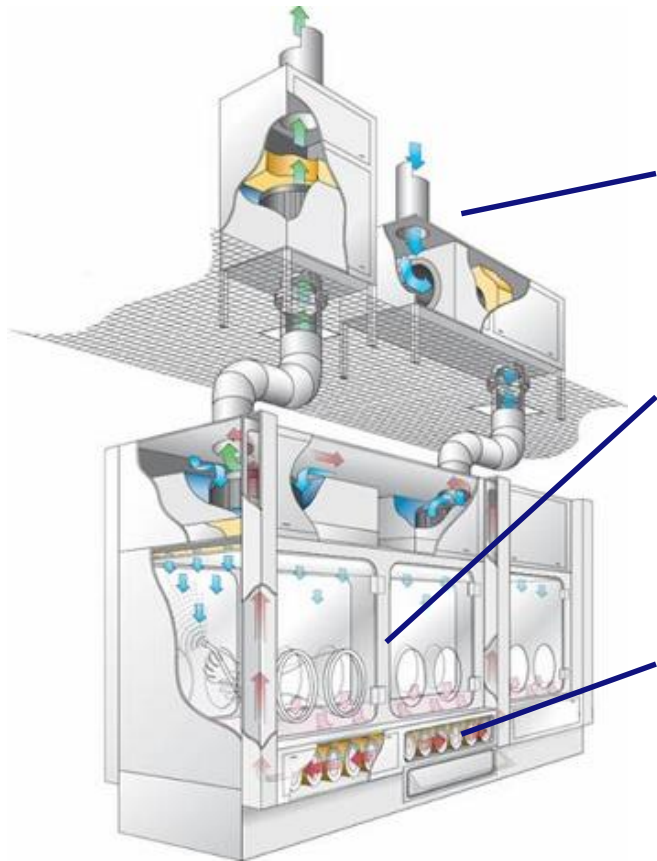
2015 - today



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# Safe Change Filter System (FIPA) for Toxic Application

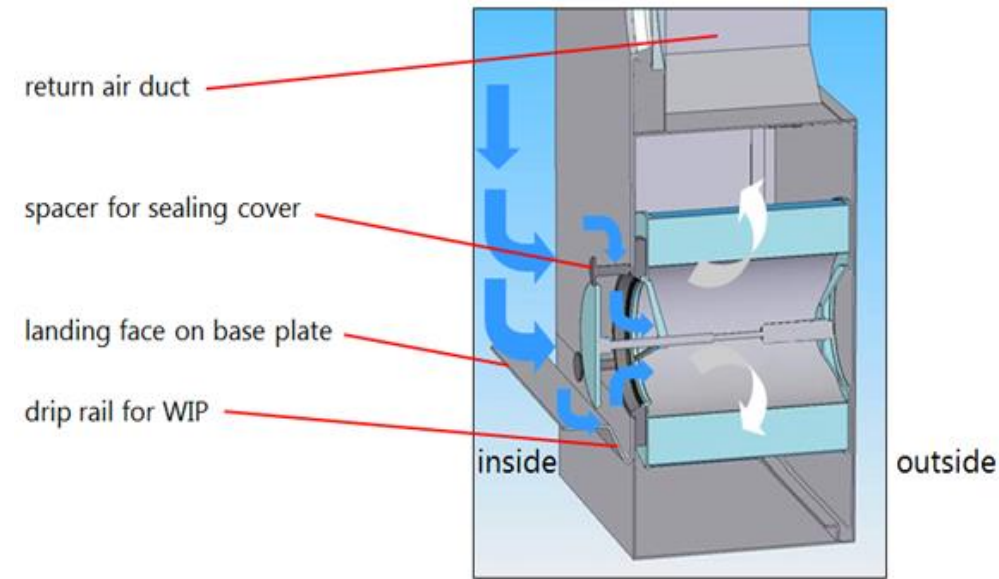
## Cartridge HEPA - Safe Change filter system FIPA:



no extra space in technical area needed

return air ducts protected with cartridge filters (no wash down required)

Safe change filter system located next to filling area



FIPA cartridge filter

# Aseptic Toxic Isolators

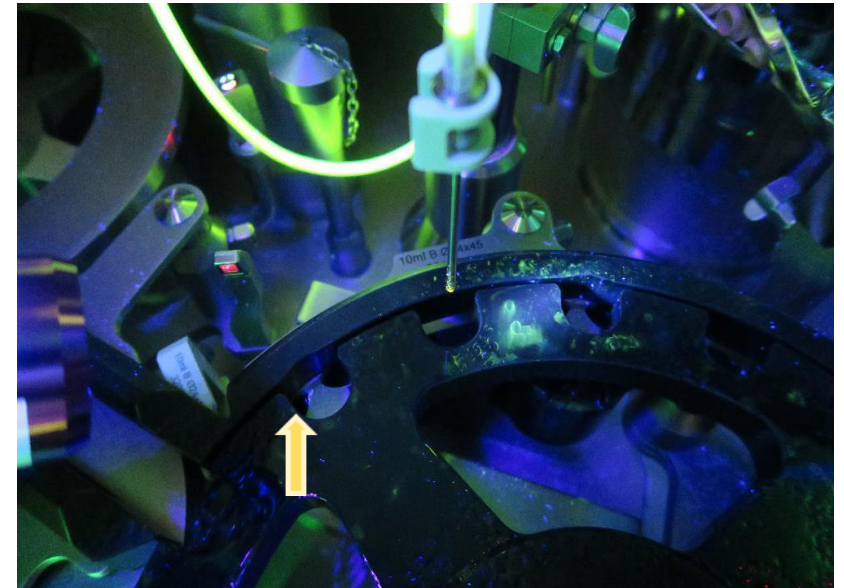
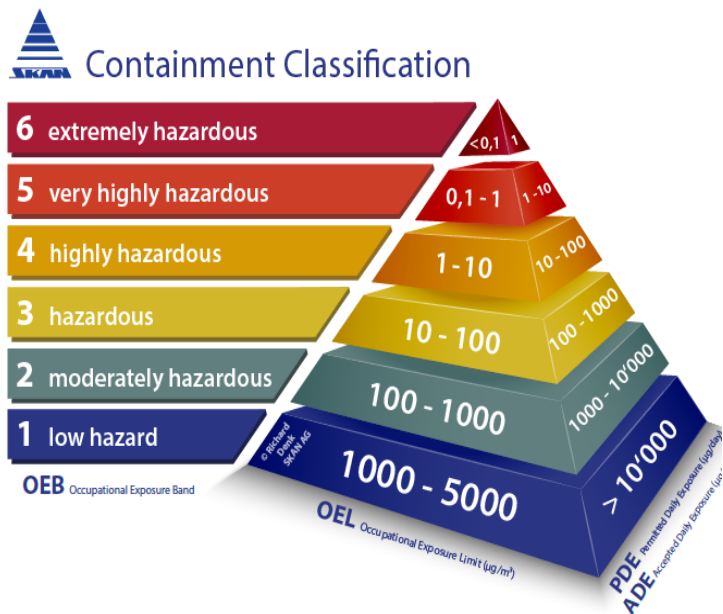


# Highly Potent Process: Sterility Test



# SKANs Solution with CLEAN™

- Development of a suitable cleaning strategy with risk assessment
- How does the active substance spread inside the isolator?
- What is the recovery from different materials?
- How effective is the applied cleaning procedure?



Cleaning validation visualized with Riboflavin





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Thank you!

Questions?



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