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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by Subcommittee CH-026-08, Fume Cupboards, on behalf of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CH-026, Safety in Laboratories, to supersede AS/NZS 2243.8:2001.

The objective of this Standard is to provide requirements for fume cupboards relating to their safety and performance, along with recommendations and procedures for their selection, installation, testing and use.

The majority of changes from the previous edition have been made to clarify requirements concerning the operation of isolators, the fire isolation of exhaust ducts, the use of exhaust filters and the test methods. Requirements concerning double-sided fume cupboards have changed so one sash needs to be fully closed at all times. Text concerning the siting of fume cupboards has been modified with some distances changed and some distances that were recommendations in the previous edition are now required minimum separations to prevent containment problems.

Attention is drawn to the last paragraph of the Foreword concerning upgrading of existing fume cupboards to comply with this Standard following their assessment for risk and implementation of interim control measures, if necessary, depending on the time frame decided for the upgrading program.

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- Part 7: Electrical aspects
- Part 8: Fume cupboards (this Standard)
- Part 9: Recirculating fume cabinets
- Part 10: Storage of chemicals

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