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ISO 16890 New standard for Air Filter Efficiency

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# ISO 16890

## Air Filters for general ventilation

ISO 16890 (all parts) refers to particulate air filter elements for general ventilation having an  $ePM_1$  efficiency less than or equal to 99 % and an  $ePM_{10}$  efficiency greater than 20 % when tested per the procedures defined within parts 1-4 of ISO 16890.

# EN779: 2012 - test

0,4  $\mu\text{m}$  particle (by classification)

Dust feeding and particle efficiency measure – in steps up to 450 Pa final pressure drop => average efficiency

Conditioning (discharging) of a piece of media (F7 – F9) in Isopropanol liquid

Minimum Efficiency (ME) (Defines the filter class in F7 – F9)

Dust: ASHRAE

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# ISO16890 - test

Particulate matter efficiency (ePM)

ePM<sub>x</sub> – mass concentration of particles with an optical diameter of  $> 0,3 \mu\text{m}$  and  $x \mu\text{m}$

Average efficiency = Mean value of initial eff and conditioned efficiency (5 cycles á 30 sec)

Conditioning (discharging) of a complete filter in IPA vapour chamber – 24 hours

Dust: ISO A2 / AC Fine

# EN779: 2012 - test reporting

Table 1— Classification of air filters<sup>1)</sup>

Group	Class	Final test pressure drop Pa	Average arrestance ( $A_m$ ) of synthetic dust %	Average efficiency ( $E_m$ ) of 0,4 $\mu$ m particles %	Minimum Efficiency <sup>2)</sup> of 0,4 $\mu$ m particles %
Coarse	G1	250	$50 \leq A_m < 65$	-	-
	G2	250	$65 \leq A_m < 80$	-	-
	G3	250	$80 \leq A_m < 90$	-	-
	G4	250	$90 \leq A_m$	-	-
Medium	M5	450	-	$40 \leq E_m < 60$	-
	M6	450	-	$60 \leq E_m < 80$	-
Fine	F7	450	-	$80 \leq E_m < 90$	35
	F8	450	-	$90 \leq E_m < 95$	55
	F9	450	-	$95 \leq E_m$	70

Has to be reached

Sets filter class for F7, F8 and F9

# ISO16890 – test reporting

## 1.1 Classification

The initial gravimetric arrestance and the three efficiency values  $ePM_{1, min}$ ,  $ePM_{2,5}$  and  $ePM_{10}$  and the minimum efficiency values  $ePM_{1, min}$  and  $ePM_{2,5, min}$  shall be used to classify a filter in one of the four groups given in Table 1.

Has to be reached

**Table 1 – Filter groups**

Group name	Requirement			Class reporting value
	$ePM_{1, min}$	$ePM_{2,5, min}$	$ePM_{10}$	
ISO Coarse	—	—	< 50%	Initial grav. arrestance
ISO $ePM_{10}$	—	—	$\geq 50\%$	$ePM_{10}$
ISO $ePM_{2,5}$	—	$\geq 50\%$	—	$ePM_{2,5}$
ISO $ePM_1$	$\geq 50\%$	—	—	$ePM_1$

The standard is valid for air flow rates between 900 – 5400 m<sup>3</sup>/h (0,25 m<sup>3</sup>/s - 1,5 m<sup>3</sup>/s)

# ISO16890 50% becomes + 60%

Example:

EN779:2012

Hi-Flo II XLT7 (F7) ME +50 % 0,4µm



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ISO ePM<sub>1</sub> 63% (calculated)

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ME for PM<sub>1</sub> ≥ 50%



EN779:2012

Standard-Flo F7

ME ≈40-45 % 0,4µm

# Filter class

## EN779 / ISO16890

Filter class	PM1	PM2.5	PM10
M5	≤20%	≤40%	>50%
M6	≤40%	50-60%	>60%
F7	50-75%	>70%	>80%
F8	70-85%	>80%	>90%
F9	>85%	>90%	>95%

0,4 µm

> 0,3 µm ← 1 µm

← 2,5 µm

← 10 µm



# ISO 16890, new global test standard for air filter



The standard has (4) parts:

1. Classification (16890-1)
2. Test method (16890-2)
3. Dust loading (16890-3)
4. Conditioning, ME (16890-4)  
(ME, Minimum Efficiency)



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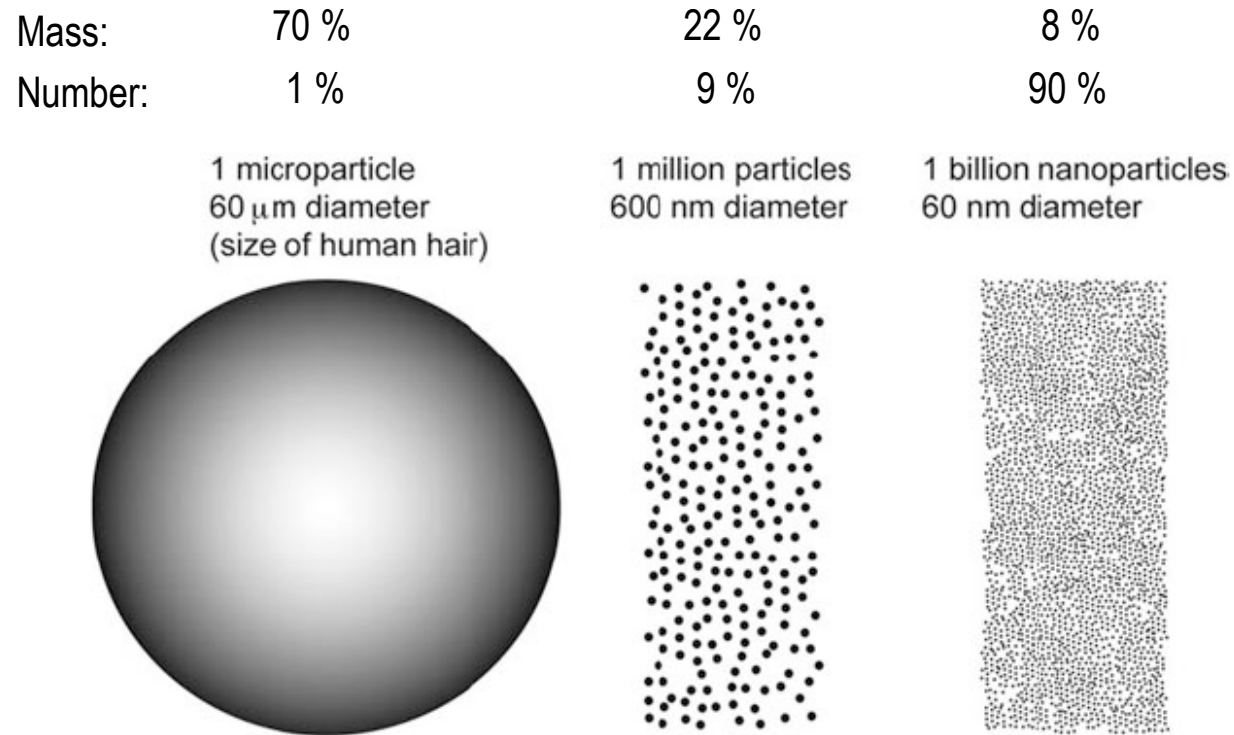
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16890-2 Efficiency test method .....

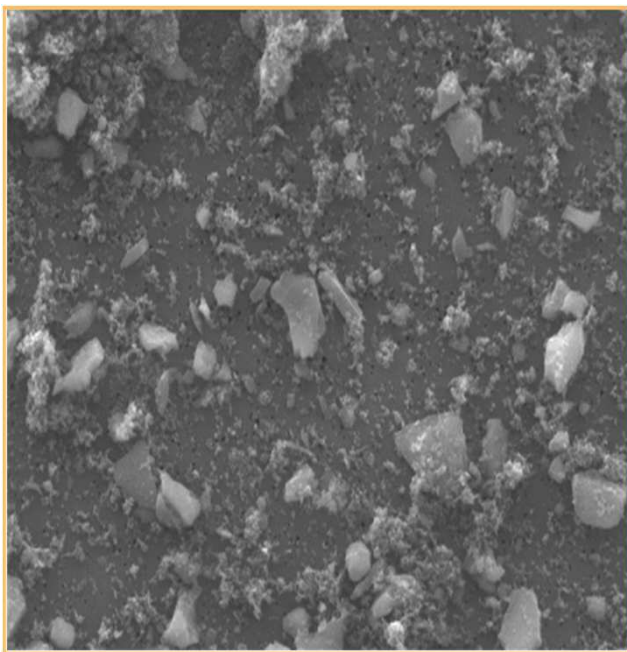


- Combines ASHRAE 52.2 and EN-779 to one document
- Pressure drop and efficiency same as in EN779 & ASHRAE
- DEHS particles for  $PM_1$
- KCL (salt) particles for  $PM_{2.5}$  and  $PM_{10}$

# Number particle concentration and mass concentration



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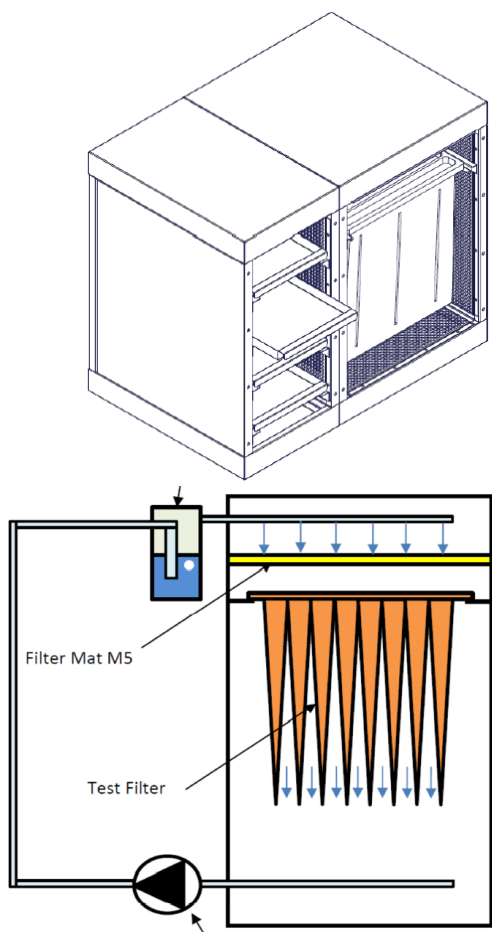
ISO 12103 PT 1. A2 / AC Fine  
Mineral Flour , 0-80 $\mu$ m

16890-3 Dust holding capacity.....

- Additional for filter in group ePM<sub>10</sub> ,  
ePM<sub>2,5</sub> and ePM<sub>1</sub>
- Dust loading (Arrestance) - Coarse
- 100% ISO Fine (AC fine)
- Gives higher dust holding in g ( $\approx$ double)
- Final resistance 300 Pa > 50% ePM<sub>x</sub>
- Final resistance 200 Pa Coarse

ISO 16890-3:201x - AIR FILTER TEST RESULT SUMMARY					Testing Organization	
					Name	
					Address	
					Phone	
<b>GENERAL</b>						
Test ID:			Date of test:		Operator:	
			Air flow measurement:		Test device obtained from:	
<b>DEVICE TESTED</b>						
Model:		Manufacturer:		Filter dimensions (W x H x D) (mm):		
Type of media:		Net effective media area (m <sup>2</sup> ):		Construction: (# pleats, pockets, etc.)		
Filter/media electrostatic charge:		Media colour:		Media adhesive:		
Device Condition: (clean/initial, used, conditioned per ISO 16890-4, tested per ISO 16890-2, etc.)						
Other descriptive information:						
<b>TEST DATA SUMMARY</b>						
Test air flow rate (m <sup>3</sup> /s):		Test air temperature (°C):		Test air RH (%):		Loading dust:
<b>RESULTS</b>						
Resistance to air flow (Pa)			Dust loading results			
Measured:	Rated Initial:	Initial arrestance [%]	Average arrestance [%]	Test Dust capacity [g]		
	Rated Final:					
	Rated Final:					
Test Device Photo						


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## 16890-4 Conditioning / Discharge

- IPA vapor from isopropanol  
Tuff method for discharging, 24h
- Not destructive, fiber structure remain
- Complete filter in the rig

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Grupp	Klass	Sluttryckfall Pa	Genomsnittlig avskiljningsgrad – Arrestance ( $A_m$ ) för syntetiskt stoft %	Genomsnittlig avskiljningsgrad – Efficiency ( $E_m$ ) för 0.4 $\mu$ m partiklar %	Lägsta avskiljnings- grad 2) för 0.4 $\mu$ m partiklar %
Grov	G1	250	$50 \leq A_m < 65$	–	–
	G2	250	$65 \leq A_m < 80$	–	–
	G3	250	$80 \leq A_m < 90$	–	–
	G4	250	$90 \leq A_m < 95$	–	–
Medium	M5	450	–	$40 \leq E_m < 60$	–
	M6	450	–	$60 \leq E_m < 80$	–
Fin	F7	450	–	$80 \leq E_m < 90$	35
	F8	450	–	$90 \leq E_m < 95$	55
	F9	900	–	$95 \leq E_m < 99$	70

## 16890-1 Classification .....

- Efficiency in the report is the **AVERAGE** of initial and discharged
- $ePM_{10}$ ,  $ePM_{2.5}$  and  $ePM_1$  **EFFICIENCY** shall be stated in the report
- $ePM_{10}$  and  $ePM_{2.5}$  **MINIMUM** efficiency ME shall be stated in the report
- Value shall be **ROUNDED DOWN** to a multiple of 5%

### Group name

ISO Coarse

ISO  $ePM_{10}$

ISO  $ePM_{2.5}$

ISO  $ePM_1$

### Examples

ISO Coarse 55 %

ISO  $ePM_{10}$  55 %

ISO  $ePM_{2.5}$  55 %

ISO  $ePM_1$  55 %

ISO 16890 – Air Filter Test Results				Testing organisation:	
				Name	
				Address	
				Phone	
<b>GENERAL</b>					
Report no.:			Date of report: yyyy-mm-dd		
Supervisor:			Device obtained (when and how obtained)		
Test(s) requested by:					
<b>DEVICE TESTED</b>					
Model:		Manufacturer:		Construction:	
Type of medium:		Net effective filtering area:		Filter dimensions (width × height × depth): mm × mm × mm	
<b>TEST DATA AND ATTACHED TEST REPORTS</b>					
Test air flow rate:		Test report to ISO 16890-2			Report no.
m <sup>3</sup> /s		Test report to ISO 16890-3 (optional)			Report no.
		Test report to ISO 16890-4			Report no.
<b>RESULTS</b>					
Initial pressure differential: Pa		Initial grav. arrestance: %		ePM <sub>1, min</sub> %	ePM <sub>2.5, min</sub> %
Final test pressure differential: Pa / Pa / Pa		Test dust capacity: g / g / g		ePM <sub>1</sub> %	ePM <sub>2.5</sub> %
				ePM <sub>10</sub> %	ISO rating ISO ePM __ %
Remarks:					
<p>The graph shows efficiency (%) on the y-axis (50 to 100) and particle size (µm) on the x-axis (0.3 to 10). Curve 1 represents Initial fractional efficiency <math>E_i</math> (ISO 16890-2). Curve 2 represents Conditioned fractional efficiency <math>E_{D,i}</math> (ISO).</p>				<p>Curve 1 Initial fractional efficiency <math>E_i</math> (ISO 16890-2)</p> <p>Curve 2 Conditioned fractional efficiency <math>E_{D,i}</math> (ISO)</p>	

All actual ePM values to be reported

The classification



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RESULTS						
Initial pressure differential: Pa		Initial grav. arrestance: %		ePM <sub>1, min</sub> 61 %	ePM <sub>2.5, min</sub> 73 %	ISO rating
Final test pressure differential: Pa / Pa / Pa		Test dust capacity: g / g / g		ePM <sub>1</sub> 63 %	ePM <sub>2.5</sub> 75 %	ePM <sub>10</sub> 85 %
ISO ePM1 60%						

RESULTS							
Initial pressure differential: Pa		Initial grav. arrestance: %		ePM <sub>1, min</sub> 43 %		ePM <sub>2.5, min</sub> 58 %	ISO rating  ISO ePM <sub>2,5</sub> 55%
Final test pressure differential: Pa / Pa / Pa			Test dust capacity: g / g / g		ePM <sub>1</sub> 47 %	ePM <sub>2.5</sub> 63 %	

< 50%

## Classification table

PM1 classification	PM2,5 classification	PM10 classification	Coarse
ePM1[95%]	ePM2.5[95%]	ePM10[95%]	Arrestance reported in full 10%
ePM1[90%]	ePM2.5[90%]	ePM10[90%]	
ePM1[85%]	ePM2.5[85%]	ePM10[85%]	
ePM1[80%]	ePM2.5[80%]	ePM10[80%]	
ePM1[75%]	ePM2.5[75%]	ePM10[75%]	
ePM1[70%]	ePM2.5[70%]	ePM10[70%]	
ePM1[65%]	ePM2.5[65%]	ePM10[65%]	
ePM1[60%]	ePM2.5[60%]	ePM10[60%]	
ePM1[55%]	ePM2.5[55%]	ePM10[55%]	
ePM1[50%]	ePM2.5[50%]	ePM10[50%]	
Requirement: > 50% initial eff > 50% discharged eff	Requirement: > 50% initial eff > 50% discharged eff	Requirement: > 50% initial eff  No discharge requirement	No discharge requirement

Principle is – round down to nearest 5%

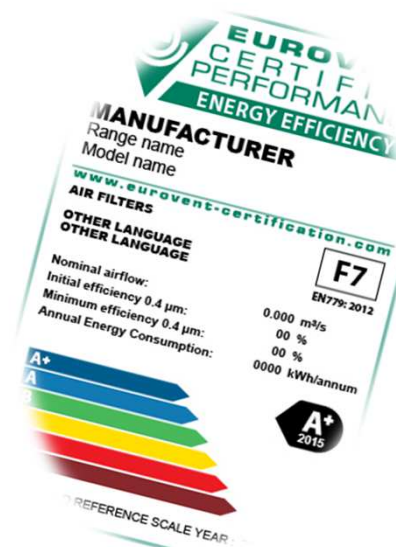


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**Energy Efficiency Evaluation  
of Air Filters  
for  
General Ventilation Purposes**



# ISO16890 and Eurovent Energy Efficiency Classification



Filter class 2015	M5	M6	F7	F8	F9
<b>ME</b>	-	-	ME ≥ 35%	ME ≥ 55%	ME ≥ 70%
	MM=250 g ASHRAE		MF=100 g ASHRAE		
<b>A+</b>	0 – 450 kWh	0 – 550 kWh	0 – 800 kWh	0 – 1000 kWh	0 – 1250 kWh
<b>A</b>	>450 kWh – 600 kWh	550 kWh – 650 kWh	>800 kWh – 950 kWh	>1000 kWh – 1200 kWh	>1250 kWh – 1450 kWh
<b>B</b>	>600 kWh – 700 kWh	>650 kWh – 800 kWh	>950 kWh – 1200 kWh	>1200 kWh – 1500 kWh	>1450 kWh – 1900 kWh
<b>C</b>	>700 kWh – 950 kWh	>800 kWh – 1100 kWh	>1200 kWh – 1700 kWh	>1500 kWh – 2000 kWh	>1900 kWh – 2600 kWh
<b>D</b>	>950 kWh – 1200 kWh	>1100 kWh – 1400 kWh	>1700 kWh – 2200 kWh	>2000 kWh – 3000 kWh	>2600 kWh – 4000 kWh
<b>E</b>	>1200 kWh	>1400 kWh	>2200 kWh	>3000 kWh	>4000 kWh

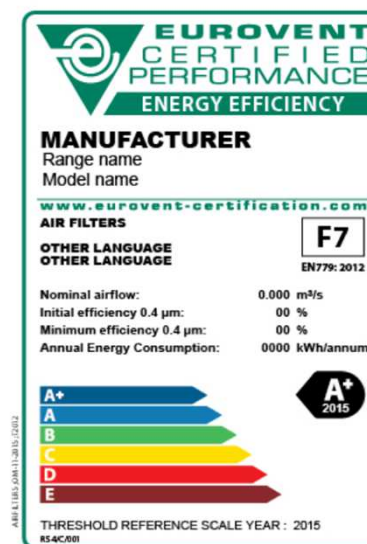
- ☐ Round Robin tests are provided by six labs and 36 filter types
- ☐ Target is to get close to existing classification table

# ISO16890 and Eurovent Energy Efficiency Classification Implements 2018

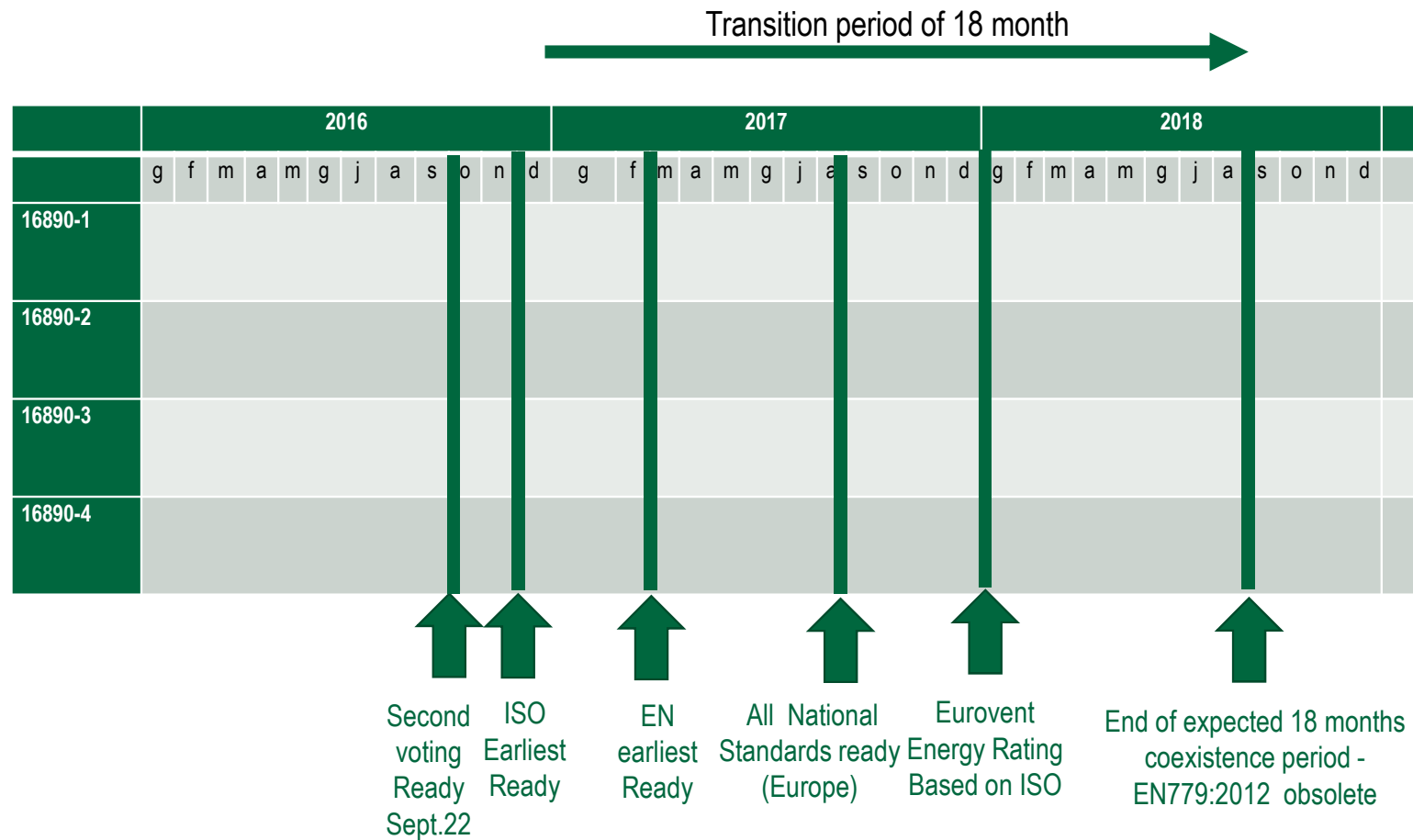


	ePM <sub>10</sub>	ePM <sub>2,5</sub>	ePM <sub>1</sub>
Atm. Dust conc.	35 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	21 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	16 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Volume flow rate	3400 m <sup>3</sup> /h	3400 m <sup>3</sup> /h	3400 m <sup>3</sup> /h
Operating hours / a	6000 h	6000 h	6000 h
Total dust fed PM <sub>x</sub>	714 g	428 g	326 g
AC Fine dust fed ISO 12249-2 (draft)	700 g	400 g	300 g

EN779:2012	250g	100g
	M5-M6	F7 – F9



# ISO 16890 Timeline





# CLEAN PROCESS

## **ISO 16890** in Clean Process Industries

- Hospitals
- Food and Beverage
- Life Science

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# HOSPITALS

- **"Open window effect"** – patients are more vulnerable to dangerous airborne particles.
- PM1 particles are the **smallest** and **most** dangerous particulate matter
- PM1 can bypass the human body's natural defenses
- Viruses and smaller bacteria belong to PM1 fraction (0,3 – 1µm)
- ✓ Only PM1 filters provide significant protection against those.
- ✓ Compared to F7 an ePM1 50% filter means an improvement of **15-20% less dangerous PM1 particles**
- ✓ Also complies with the VDI6022 hygienic guideline that requires ePM1 filter for final stage in hospitals.
- ✓ Cleaner system means saving money through more efficient heat exchangers and less cleaning.
- ✓ This increases protection of patients, better recovery time and more efficient hospitals.

# FOOD & BEVERAGE INDUSTRY



- The F&B industry needs Clean Air to protect organoleptic characteristics of products
- The biggest enemies are spores and bacteria (within PM2.5 fraction)
- But is 50% efficiency enough?
- At least +70% efficiency against PM2.5 should be used – thus, an ePM1 filter is the only choice
- ✓ With ePM1 filter, the industry gets 15 – 20% less PM1 particles and in consequence:
- ✓ Better quality of products through increased cleanliness in manufacturing
- ✓ Improved shelf life of products, therefore less waste / more revenue
- ✓ Increased pre-filter efficiency – translates to BIGGER energy savings and LONGER life-time of HEPA filters
- ✓ Compliance and readiness for audits soon only with ISO16890 filters
- ✓ Protection of their own people

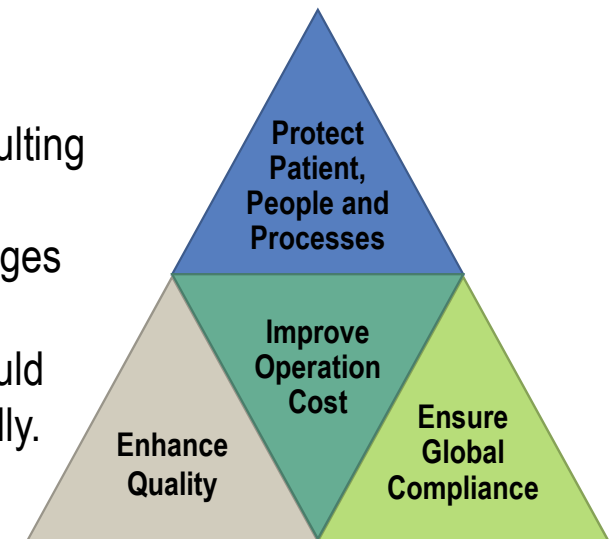
EN779 – TYPICAL EFFICIENCIES OF AIR FILTERS AGAINST PM1 AND OTHER FINE DUST MASS CONCENTRATIONS

Filter class	PM1	PM2.5	PM10
M5	<20%	<40%	≥50%
M6	<40%	≥50%	≥60%
F7	≥50%	≥70%	≥80%
F8	≥70%	≥80%	≥90%
F9	≥80%	≥90%	≥95%

# PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY



- Most sensitive products require highest degree of cleanliness
  - ISO16890 ensures a better protection than EN779 in many ways:
  - ePM1 50 is up to 25% more efficient than F7
  - F9 before the HEPA filter, which is now an ePM1 80% - that itself has an increase in requirements (untraceable media sample discharge at EN779, ISO requires full filter discharge)
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- ✓ This results in improved predictability, control and timing of the system i.e. no sudden efficiency drop after discharge
  - ✓ ISO 16890 enhances the quality by requiring a more stable continuous efficiency, resulting in better HEPA protection
  - ✓ ISO 16890 improves operation costs with bigger energy savings and less HEPA changes for the pharmaceutical industry
  - ✓ ISO 16890 ensures global compliance - multinational pharmaceutical companies should now be able to **compare**, **improve** and **standardize** their quality-related SOPs globally.



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