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Addendum

Suggested Definitions Related to Processes and Production Methods (PPMs)

1. Process or Production Method (PPM):

One or more planned actions in a series of conditions or operations (e.g. mechanical, electrical, chemical, inspection, test) by means of which a material or product advances from one stage to its final state. PPMs include conditions of growth as well as controlled treatments that subject materials or products to the influence of one or more types of energy (e.g. human, animal, mechanical, electrical, chemical, thermal) as required to achieve a desired reaction, change, result or performance.

2. PPM Standard (or PPM provision within a product or process standard):

Standard or provision that specifies the process or production method to be employed in one or more stages in the design, manufacture, delivery, installation, treatment, or utilization of equipment, structures or products, or that specifies methods or conditions in accordance with which a product is to be grown or raised. Testing or certification for conformity with these methods, rather than the characteristics of the final product, is required in conjunction with one or more steps in the process.