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# Introduction

The increasing use of nanomaterials in industry and society means that their utility, risks and benefits throughout their life-cycle are important topics for discussion.

This document offers explanations (including examples) of selected nanotechnology terms and is intended to facilitate an understanding of the use and applications of nanotechnology. Its target audience is those who need to make decisions about the use of nanotechnology. The specific aim is to:

- a) promote consistent usage and reduce misinterpretation of terms among users; and
- b) facilitate communication and understanding in developing or commercializing applications of nanotechnologies.

This document contains selected key terms and provides definitions and explanations to aid understanding and illustrate, where applicable, the relationship between one term and another, using practical examples where possible.

For ease of reference the ISO definitions are repeated throughout the document as appropriate.

Explanations and examples are chosen to underpin the selected terms published in the ISO/IEC 80004 vocabulary series.

Where new understanding develops, then the tools used to communicate such knowledge will benefit from the constant review and revision of key terms as necessary. New terms can find common usage which are not yet in the ISO/IEC 80004 vocabulary series. Such terms can be synonymous with terms and definitions already found in existing ISO documents.

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# Nanotechnologies — Plain language explanation of selected terms from the ISO/IEC 80004 series

# 1 Scope

This document is intended to assist stakeholders who are making decisions about the direction, management and application of nanotechnologies to better understand selected key terms and definitions in the ISO/IEC 80004 vocabulary series for nanotechnologies.

# 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/TS 80004-1, Nanotechnologies — Vocabulary — Part 1: Core terms

ISO/TS 80004-2, Nanotechnologies — Vocabulary — Part 2: Nano-objects

ISO/TS 80004-4, Nanotechnologies — Vocabulary — Part 4: Nanostructured materials

ISO/TS 80004-11, Nanotechnologies — Vocabulary — Part 11: Nanolayer, nanocoating, nanofilm, and related terms

# 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/TS 80004-1, ISO/TS 80004-2, ISO/TS 80004-4 and ISO/TS 80004-11 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform; available at <a href="http://www.iso.org/obp">http://www.iso.org/obp</a>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <a href="http://www.electropedia.org/">http://www.electropedia.org/</a>

## 3.1

#### nanoscale

length range approximately from 1 nm to 100 nm

Note 1 to entry: Properties that are not extrapolations from larger sizes are predominantly exhibited in this length range.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-1:2015, 2.1]

#### 3.2

# nanoscale phenomenon

effect attributable to the presence of nano-objects or nanoscale regions

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-1:2015, 2.13]

#### 3.3

## nanotechnology

application of scientific knowledge to manipulate and control matter predominantly in the nanoscale to make use of size- and structure-dependent properties and phenomena distinct from those associated with individual atoms or molecules, or extrapolation from larger sizes of the same material

Note 1 to entry: Manipulation and control includes material synthesis.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-1:2015, 2.3]

#### 3.4

### nanomaterial

material with any external dimension in the nanoscale or having an internal structure or surface structure in the nanoscale

Note 1 to entry: This generic term is inclusive of nano-object and nanostructured material.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-1:2015, 2.4, modified]

### 3.5

#### manufactured nanomaterial

nanomaterial intentionally produced to have selected properties or composition

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-1:2015, 2.9]

## 3.6

#### nano-obiect

discrete piece of material with one, two or three external dimensions in the nanoscale

Note 1 to entry: The second and third external dimensions are orthogonal to the first dimension and to each other.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-1:2015, 2.5]

# 3.7

# nanoparticle

nano-object with all external dimensions in the nanoscale where the lengths of the longest and the shortest axes of the nano-object do not differ significantly

Note 1 to entry: If the dimensions differ significantly (typically by more than 3 times), terms such as nanofibre or nanoplate may be preferred to the term nanoparticle.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-2:2015, 4.4]

## 3.8

### agglomerate

collection of weakly or medium strongly bound particles where the resulting external surface area is similar to the sum of the surface areas of the individual components

Note 1 to entry: The forces holding an agglomerate together are weak forces, for example van der Waals forces or simple physical entanglement.

Note 2 to entry: Agglomerates are also termed secondary particles and the original source particles are termed primary particles.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-2:2015, 3.4]