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The change is as follows: the following sentence has been added to the scope: "For specific guidance on the sampling for microplastics, see ISO 5667-27".

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# Water quality — Sampling —

## Part 4: Guidance on sampling from lakes, natural and man-made

### 1 Scope

This document gives guidelines for the design of sampling programmes, techniques and the handling and preservation of samples of water, from natural and man-made lakes during open-water and ice-covered conditions. This document is applicable to lakes with and without aquatic vegetation.

Guidance on sampling for microbiological examination is not included. For specific guidance on the sampling for microplastics, see ISO 5667-27.

### 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 5667-3, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 3: Preservation and handling of water samples*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### **grab sample**

single discrete sample collected from a body of water at a specific time, location and depth

#### 3.2

##### **depth profile sample**

two or more discrete samples collected at two or more depths at a specific time and location on a lake

#### 3.3

##### **area profile sample**

two or more discrete samples collected from the same depth at two or more locations on a lake

#### 3.4

##### **composite sample**

two or more *depth profile* (3.2) or *area profile samples* (3.3) that are combined to form a single sample prior to measurement of water quality parameters

#### 3.5

##### **integrated sample**

single sample collected by a tube or similar sampler that collects a water sample across a range of depths