49i141 – Definitions Update

R.Gilpin is the Issue proponent, and explained the intent:

It has been some time since the definitions for Standard 49 have been evaluated for updating. A quick scan of the upcoming BMBL 6th edition indicates several areas for which 49 should be calibrated against. Additionally, the WHO Biosafety Manual 4th edition should be reviewed for the same purpose.

The draft update attached to this Issue Paper is taken from the BMBL and is offered as a starting point to consider.

B.Powitz opened the floor for comments, explaining the schism between Annex E and the Standard. Specifically that the definitions in Annex E come directly from Section 3, and since Section 3 is normative they must first be approved there.

R.Gilpin added that annex e has a section regarding cleaning and surface disinfection, which was revised a bit, and those BSC manufactures selling to Europe might have even more suggestions. A.Johnson said there are still a number of ‘musts’, ‘shall’ and ‘should’ to consider updating at some time. S.Ziegler suggested the group wait until the BMBL is published to complete this update. R.Gilpin suggested that this consensus body is leading the way, not the BMBL.

Some discussion about WHO guidelines as well, as well as Canadian European and Australian.

Motion, R.Gilpin: send proposed language to TG on Definition
Second: J.Balsamo
Discussion: None
Vote: Fifteen in favor, zero opposed, zero abstentions
Motion: Carries

Action Item:
A.Rose to send language to TG on Definitions

B.Powitz asked if there were any other comments; there were none