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- a) clauses have been regrouped and consolidated to focus on key processes such as planning and risk assessment;
- b) a focus on the approval and review of safety management systems, including matching risk exposure to the stated aims of the venture and risk management during the venture;
- c) increased information for the participant and on the participant's responsibilities in safety management, given in the new 5.6 on informed consent and an updated Annex B;
- d) an increased applicability of the standard for individual placements and lone workers by the introduction of the new 5.1.5 and by providing a new definition of "remote supervision" (see 2.17.3);
- e) the introduction of the definition of "subject matter expert" (formerly "technical advisor") and the inclusion of competence assessment criteria for venture activity specialists where participants are under 18 years old and unaccompanied by their parent or legal guardian;
- f) revisions to the clauses on venture continuity and supervision have resulted in the definitions of "down time" and "personal time" being redundant;
- g) streamlining of the clause on claims of conformity has resulted in the removal of partial conformity and the descriptions of the types of conformity testing, which are now covered informatively in Annex A.

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