

# ORIGIN OF CONTAMINATION

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

There are many ways to approach the issue of contamination. Although the origin of contaminants in pharmaceutical products can easily be identified, definitions on this theme can be looked at from different angles.

In a first approach, the definition of contamination in pharmaceutical products can be referred to in terms of related substances and process contaminants: While *related substances* are structurally related to the drug substance, *process contaminants* are introduced during manufacturing or handling procedures. These two categories include all types of contaminants but do not define them.