plateau border

in surface chemistry

Except for free-floating bubbles, films have to be supported by frames, bulk surfaces or other films. The transition zone separating these from the film proper, always containing some bulk liquid, is called a plateau border.

Source:

PAC, 1972, 31, 577 (Manual of Symbols and Terminology for Physicochemical Quantities and Units, Appendix II: Definitions, Terminology and Symbols in Colloid and Surface Chemistry) on page 613