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Foreword

This document (EN 14398-3:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 268 “Cryogenic vessels”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by February 2004, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by February 2004.

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- *Part 1 : Fundamental requirements;*
- *Part 2 : Design, fabrication, inspection and testing;*
- *Part 3 : Operational requirements.*

The annexes A and B are informative.

This document includes a Bibliography.

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EN 14398-3:2003 (E)**Introduction**

Elements of this standard support the requirements of the framework Directives on Transport of Dangerous Goods and other international, national or local requirements.

Large transportable cryogenic vessels are often partly equipped by the manufacturer, but can be installed or re-installed by another party, such as the operator user or owner. For this reason some of the scope of this European Standard, which includes putting into service, inspection, filling, maintenance and emergency procedure overlaps with some of the Parts 1 and 2 of EN 14398.

Operational requirements for the usage of these vessels on public road, rail, sea and air are not covered in this standard, but are defined in other international, national or local requirements.

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1 Scope

1.1 This European Standard specifies operational requirements for large transportable non vacuum insulated cryogenic vessels of more than 1000 l volume.

1.2 This European Standard applies to vessels designed for cryogenic fluids specified in EN 14398-1.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 12300, *Cryogenic vessels - Cleanliness for cryogenic service*.

EN 14398-1:2003, *Cryogenic vessels – Large Transportable non-vacuum insulated vessels – Part 1: Fundamental requirements*.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms and definitions given in EN 14398-1:2003 and the following apply.

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3.1

putting into service

operation by which a vessel is prepared to be used. It applies to either a new vessel being used for the first time or an existing vessel being returned to service

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3.2

filling

operation by which a transportable vessel undergoes a prefill check, filling with a cryogenic fluid and an after fill check

3.3

withdrawal

process by which product is taken from a vessel to the connected supply system

3.4

outdoor location

location outside of any building or structure and not enclosed by more than two walls

3.5

underground location

area or room whose ground or floor is on all sides sufficiently lower than the adjacent ground surfaces

3.6

vessel

vessel means large transportable cryogenic vessel as defined in EN 14398-1

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4 Preliminaries before putting into service

4.1 General

Before putting into service, verification shall take place to ensure that the vessel is suitable for the intended service and that the marking, placarding and handover documents are complete.

4.2 Marking and placarding

Marking and placarding shall be in accordance with the relevant transport regulations, see also EN 14398-1.

4.3 Handover documents

In addition to the manufacturer's documentation, where necessary the cryogenic vessel shall be accompanied by vessel specific documents and instructions for all items supplied covering:

- the operation;
- the auxiliary equipment;
- the inspection records.

These documents shall be retained by the owner of the vessel.

The user shall have appropriate operating instructions available. Such instructions may be attached to the vessel in a permanent manner, or carried by or available to the operator.

5 Personnel training

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Only persons trained for the specific task shall be allowed to put into service, fill, handle, operate or maintain the vessel.

The training programme shall include:

- normal procedures;
- product and hazard identification;
- safe operating limits;
- emergency procedures (see annex A);
- physical and chemical properties of the vessel's content and their effects on the human body;
- personal protection.

Training shall be repeated as necessary to ensure that personnel remain competent. A record should be maintained which details the training personnel have received.

6 General safety requirements

6.1 General

Before any operation the operator should ensure that all equipment is free from any obvious damage or defect which can effect its safe operation.

Marking and placarding shall not be removed or defaced.

Consideration should be given to the product properties and the use of appropriate personal protective equipment.

Parts under pressure shall be disconnected only if they have been previously depressurised.

When under pressure, leaking valves or connections may only be tightened using suitable tools and procedures.

Direct flame or direct intense heat shall never be used to raise the pressure or de-ice frozen valves.

All surfaces which may come in contact with the product shall be kept free from oil and grease. For cleanliness requirements, see EN 12300.

Outlets, seals and transfer hoses shall be checked to be clean, dry and free from contaminants and visible defects before connection.

Vessels and transfer hoses shall not be modified without proper authorisation.

Consideration, shall be given to actions in specific conditions, e. g. thunderstorm.

Normal operating valves should normally be opened and closed slowly.

6.2 Safety considerations

In all operations and training the following safety considerations shall be taken into account:

- small amounts of cryogenic fluids will produce large volumes of vaporised gas. Spillage of cryogenic fluids can result in an oxygen deficient atmosphere, or in the case of vaporising oxygen, in an oxygen enriched atmosphere. Provision is to be made for appropriate measures to take account of this, e.g. ventilation;
- due to the possibility of cold embrittlement, cryogenic fluids shall only be used in product systems with components which are suitable for low temperatures;
- vaporising cryogenic fluids produce gases that are heavier than air and can accumulate in lower areas (e.g. pits, trenches);
- because of their extremely low temperatures, cryogenic fluids will produce cold burns when coming into contact with the skin. Cold burns can also be produced from contact with uninsulated equipment and pipe;
- to avoid dry ice plugs, parts under pressure of carbon dioxide e.g. pipes, hoses, shall be disconnected only if they have been previously carefully depressurised.

7 Putting into service

This operation shall follow a written procedure and the results of the steps involved should be recorded (e.g. in a check list). Such lists should be retained by the operating company.

Vessels and accessories shall be visually checked for damage.

It shall be verified that:

- vessel and accessories are appropriate for the intended service, comply with the flow-sheet and are appropriately marked and labelled; all labels shall be clearly displayed and appropriate for the product;
- appropriate relief device(s) with a set pressure not higher than the maximum allowable working pressure of the vessel is (are) fitted. Any relief devices requiring approval shall be correctly stamped and matching certificates shall be available;
- all operational valves should be operable;
- all required checks and tests have been carried out.

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The vessel shall be purged with an appropriate gas at a temperature above 0 °C until the gas emerging from the vessel is sufficiently dry and pure.

The vessel shall be cooled down according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Steps shall be taken to avoid uncontrolled pressure rise due to rapid liquid vaporisation. The cool down gas chosen shall take into account the risk of solidification.

Measuring and controlling devices (e.g. level gauge, pressure gauge etc.) shall be checked for correct operation or setting.

8 Location

The requirements listed in this clause are valid for storage/parking as well as other activities such as filling, withdrawal etc.:

- vessels shall be located in a suitable area such as in the open air or in a sufficiently ventilated enclosed area, away from sources of heat (e.g. welding source, open fire etc.). Hot work shall be subject to appropriate safety measures. The area shall be kept appropriately clean and suitable access shall be provided;
- vessels should not be located underground. However, where this is unavoidable, relief valve outlet(s) should be piped to a safe external venting point and the underground location shall have sufficient continuous ventilation to deal with product releases arising from normal operation;
- adequate ventilation shall be provided. In locations at, or above ground level, natural ventilation is generally sufficient, provided that the room is large enough or that the outdoor area is not closely surrounded by walls. In other circumstances, forced ventilation or other precautions shall be provided;
- the floor of the designated transshipment area shall be level and strong enough to take the weight of the full transport unit. The vessel shall be located at a sufficient distance from the normal paths used by people or vehicles. Water accumulation in the vicinity of the vessel shall be avoided;
- vessels and their components shall be protected against mechanical damage;
- in case of emergency, adequate means of escape shall be provided. Emergency exits shall be kept clear at all times;
- all doors/gates should be preferably outward opening and wide enough to provide an easy access and exit route for personnel;
- a vessel should only be left parked unattended in a location such that operation of the vessel relief devices will not constitute a hazard;
- the operating area should be clearly marked with appropriate warning signs. These may be displayed on the vessel ;
- if vessels are indoors for extended periods (i.e. overnight or weekends) appropriate vent and relief valve outlets should be piped to a safe place. The vent pipework shall be designed in such a way so as to prevent rainwater accumulation, or blockage by airborne material;
- operation by unauthorised persons should be prevented, e.g. locked valve cabinet.

9 Transport within the location

This section refers to the transport of filled vessels other than by public road, rail, water-ways, sea and air; these activities are fully covered by specific regulations.

Before transport, the vessels shall be examined for signs of damage or leaks and valves shall be checked to ensure that they are in the operating positions.

Cryogenic vessels shall never be subjected to impacts or falls; these could damage the outer insulation and the vessel itself. If any vessel is known to have been subjected to accidental impact or fall, this shall be reported to an appropriate competent person before further use.

Vehicles used for transport shall have well ventilated cargo areas and shall have separate cargo and passenger compartments. Vessels shall be transported in their correct transport position.

10 Filling

The following operations shall be carried out in accordance with a written procedure.

10.1 Prefill checks

Prior to filling the filler shall examine the condition of the vessel as given in table 1:

Table 1 — Prefill checks

	Acceptance criteria for filling
Data plate	Present, legible and in accordance with EN 14398-1
Inspection date	Within required period
Product identification labels	Fitted and legible and correct product
Vessel, accessories	No obvious signs of damage, corrosion, contamination, oil or grease; no unusual ice, indicating a defect
Manual valves	Operable
Safety relief devices	In place, free from ice or other visible obstructions
Filling couplings and transfer hoses	All parts are free from damage, oil or grease: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — correct connection fitted for product and cap-fitted if required; — the maximum filling pressure is less than the nominal pressure of the filling line; — the surface in contact with the product of couplings, seals and transfer hoses are free from contamination, oil, grease and water.
Pressure gauge	Positive pressure above triple point in vessel

The vessel shall not be filled if any of these acceptance criteria cannot be met. Prior to filling all non-compliances shall be corrected.

10.2 Preparations

The vehicle carrying the vessel has to be immobilised by a appropriate device.

Depending on the type of the cryogenic vessel, it may be filled to capacity either by volume or by weight, taking into account product density to the level the vessel is designed for. The necessary measuring equipment shall be in good working order.