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Foreword

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Amendment 2 to ISO 772:1996 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 113, *Hydrometric determinations*, Subcommittee SC 3, *Terminology and symbols*.

This amendment consists of the complete revision of Clause 3 "Notches, weirs and flumes" comprising the modification of several definitions and the inclusion of some new terms and definitions. In addition, the terms and definitions have been arranged in a more logical sequence. New terms are also added to Clauses 6 and 8 and some minor changes are made to the definitions of a few terms in Clauses 1, 2, 6 and 8.

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Page ii, Contents

Replace the existing title of Clause 3 with “Flow measurement structures”.

1 General terms

Page 2, Term 1.6

After the definition for critical flow, add the following Note 1 and renumber the Note as Note 2:

“NOTE 1 This is the generic definition of critical flow. See **critical flow** (3.26) for the specific definition when used in reference to the field of flow measurement structures.”

Pages 6, 7 and 9, Clause 1

Replace the definitions for Terms 1.35, 1.41, 1.42, 1.61 and 1.62 as follows:

1.35

transition

crossover

inflection reach between two meander loops in which the main flow crosses from one side of the channel to the other

NOTE The depth of flow in a transition is usually reduced from normal depth and is more uniform than in the curved reach.

1.41

stream gauging

all of the operations necessary for the measurement of discharge of a stream

1.42

discharge measurement

process of measuring the discharge of liquid in an open channel

1.61

converging reach

reach in which the cross-sectional area gradually decreases in the direction of flow

1.62

expanding reach

reach in which the cross-sectional area gradually increases in the direction of flow

2 Velocity area-methods

Page 26, Clause 2

Replace the definition for Term 2.21 as follows:

2.21

moving boat method

method of measuring discharge from a boat by traversing the stream along the measuring section while continuously measuring velocity, depth, distance travelled and angle of current velocity

Page 32, Clause 3

Delete Clause 3, entitled *Notches, weirs and flumes*, and replace the entire Clause 3 by the following new text and figures.

3 Flow measurement structures

NOTE A classification of flow measurement structures is given in Annex C.

3.1

flow measurement structure

hydraulic structure (e.g. weir, flume or gate) installed in an open channel where in most cases the discharge can be derived from the measured upstream water level

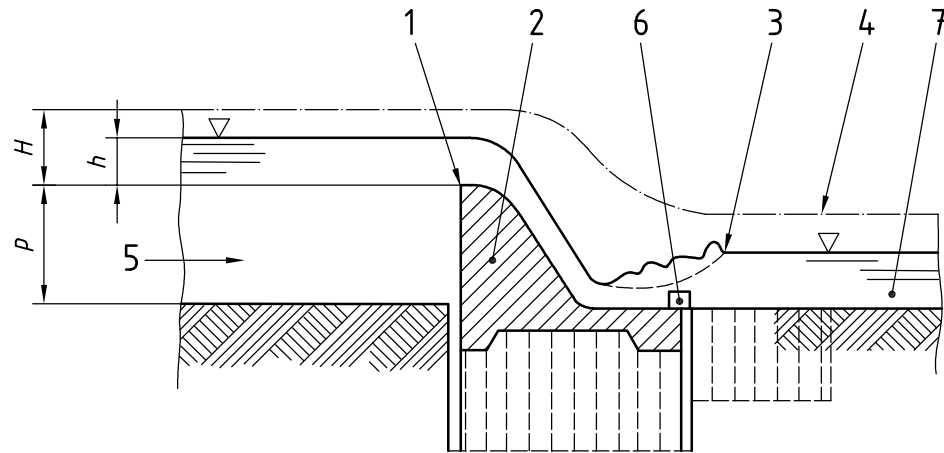
NOTE The structure is an artificial reduction of the cross-sectional area in the channel, where part of the upstream total head is converted into kinetic energy used to obtain critical flow.

3.2

weir

overflow structure that may be used for controlling upstream surface level or for measuring discharge or both.

See Figure 6.

**Key**

- 1 weir crest
- 2 weir block
- 3 hydraulic jump
- 4 total head line
- 5 direction of flow
- 6 control block
- 7 stilling basin

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Figure 6 — Weir
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3.3**height of weir**

apex height

height from the upstream bed to the lowest point of the crest

3.4**head over the weir**

elevation of the water surface above the lowest point of the crest, measured at a point sufficiently upstream to be unaffected by the drawdown of the weir

NOTE

The distance upstream of the point of measurement depends on the type of weir used.

3.5**upstream total head**

elevation of the total head relative to the flume invert level or the weir crest level, measured upstream of the structure

3.6**downstream total head**

elevation of the total head relative to the flume invert level or weir crest level, measured downstream of the structure

3.7**weir abutment**

abutment

wing wall

wall at the side of a channel, generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of the weir, against which the weir terminates

3.8

weir block

weir body

part of a weir lying between the abutments and over which the water flows

See Figure 6.

3.9

full-width weir

suppressed weir

weir whose crest fills the width of the channel in which it is placed, thus eliminating side contraction of the stream

3.10

divide wall

wall running in the direction of flow and separating the individual sections of a compound structure

3.11

glacis

sloping downstream face of a weir block and continuation of the crest

3.12

weir slope

ratio of the horizontal to the vertical components of the upstream face, the downstream face or the cross-slope of a weir

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3.13

approach channel

reach of the channel upstream of the gauging structure in which suitable flow conditions have to be established to ensure correct gauging

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3.14

straightening vane

guide vane

baffle

device placed in the approach channel to improve flow conditions

cf. **baffle** (3.15)

3.15

baffle

wall or block placed downstream of a structure to dissipate energy or to cause improved velocity distribution

cf. **straightening vane** (3.14)

3.16

control block

baffle pier

energy-breaking block

block constructed in a channel or stilling basin to increase turbulence and thereby dissipate the energy of water flowing at high velocity

NOTE See Figure 6 for the application of a control block to a weir construction.

3.17**stilling basin**

basin constructed downstream of a structure to dissipate the energy of fast-flowing water and to protect the bed and banks from erosion

See Figure 6.

3.18**separation pocket**

⟨at a corner or at a point of large curvature⟩ region of recirculating flow at a structure caused by separation of the main flow from the structure

cf. **separation pocket** (3.19)

NOTE This phenomenon can occur at broad-crested weirs which do not have rounded upstream or downstream corners or which do not have a crest of sufficient length in the direction of flow.

3.19**separation pocket**

⟨triangular-profile weir⟩ near-cylindrical volume of slowly moving water immediately downstream of the crest of the structure

cf. **separation pocket** (3.18)

3.20**throat**

that part of a flume at which critical flow occurs; usually where the wetted cross-sectional area is at a minimum

NOTE The throat may be rectangular, trapezoidal, U-shaped or of another specially designed shape.

3.21**modular flow**

free flow

flow over or through a structure when the upstream level is independent of the downstream level for a given discharge

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3.22**discharge coefficient**

coefficient in the discharge equation depending on the type and shape of the measuring structure, and the head over the weir

3.23**modular limit**

submergence ratio for flow over a weir at which the upstream level just begins to be affected by the downstream level for a given discharge

3.24**drowned flow**

nonmodular flow

submerged flow

flow, over or through a structure, when it is affected by changes in the level downstream

3.25**submergence ratio**

ratio of the downstream total head to the upstream total head at a structure

3.26
critical flow

flow conditions for which the total energy head above the invert reaches a minimum at a given discharge and for given channel dimensions

NOTE 1 This is the specific definition of critical flow when used in reference to the field of flow measurement structures. See **critical flow** (1.6) for the generic definition.

NOTE 2 The water depth for these flow conditions is called critical depth and occurs during the transition from subcritical to supercritical flow.

NOTE 3 Critical flow in overflow structures and undershot gates occurs at the critical section, also called the control section. Critical flow in a measuring structure is a condition for modular flow.

3.27
double gauging

measurement of two simultaneous but independent heads to facilitate measurement in the drowned flow range

NOTE The usual head measurement locations lie between $3H_{\max}$ upstream of the weir and $3H_{\max}$ downstream of the weir, where H_{\max} is the maximum total head over the weir crest.

3.28
broad-crested weir

weir with a horizontal longitudinal crest which has a length equal to or greater than half the maximum operating head

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See Figure 7.

NOTE The streamlines above the crest are approximately straight and parallel at least over a short distance.

3.28.1
rectangular broad-crested weir

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broad-crested weir (3.28) of which the crest is a horizontal rectangular plane surface and of which the upstream face forms a sharp right-angled corner at its intersection with the plane of the crest

See Figure 7.

3.28.2
round-nosed broad-crested weir

broad-crested weir (3.28) of which the crest is a horizontal rectangular plane surface and of which the upstream corner is rounded to avoid flow separation

See Figure 7.

3.28.3
trapezoidal broad-crested weir

broad-crested weir (3.28) of which the crest is an horizontal plane surface and of which the upstream face and the downstream face are sloping

See Figure 7.

3.28.4
V-shaped broad-crested weir

broad-crested weir (3.28) with a triangular cross-sectional profile, rounded off at the upstream corner

See Figure 7.

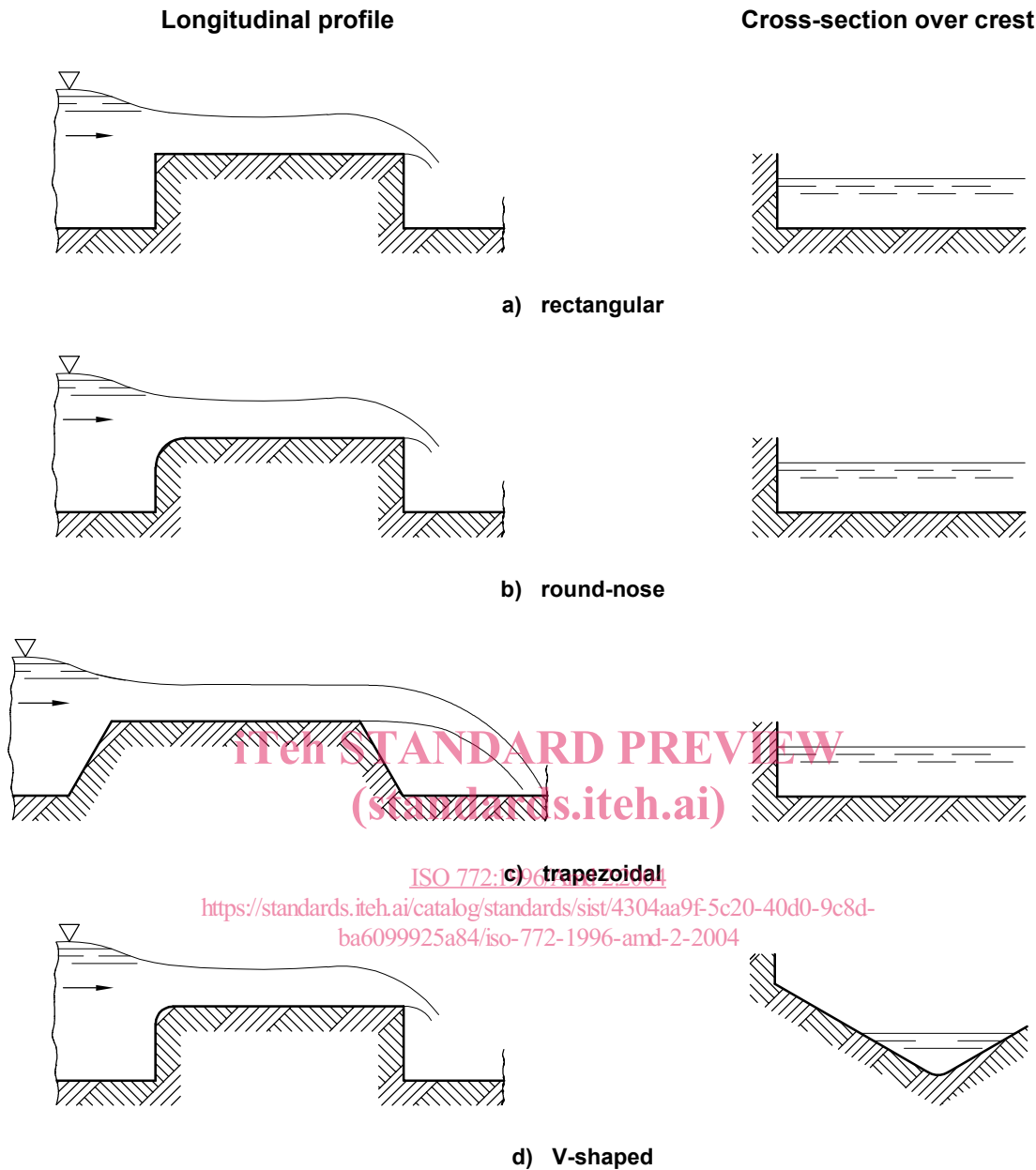


Figure 7 — Broad-crested weirs

3.29

nappe

jet formed by the flow over a weir

See Figure 8.

3.29.1

clinging nappe

nappe (3.29) that maintains contact with the downstream face of a weir

3.29.2

unconfined nappe

nappe (3.29) where the guide walls of the structure end at the crest (or at the edge), thus permitting free lateral expansion of the flow